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SHOTGUN RAIDERS IN £10,000 HEIST

by Lee Watton

TERRIFIED staff were threatened at gunpoint by robbers who snatched around £10,000 of gold jewellery from a store in Dudley. Two raiders, one of them armed with a shotgun, targeted John Hollins Jewellers in Wolverhampton Street.

No shots were fired and no-one was injured but bosses said two female staff in the shop at the time were recovering from "a terrifying experience". Among the items taken were curbed and belcher-style chains along with a gold pocket watch and bracelets. Hand-made gold items commissioned especially by the store were also taken in the raid.

Part of Wolverhampton Street was sealed off by police as an investigation was launched and forensics teams moved in.

Police say the robbers were two white men aged in their early 20s. The robbery happened at around 3pm on Monday.

Store owner John Griffiths, who took over the store 50 years ago, said: "Two members of staff were in the store at the time. This was a terrifying experience for them.

"I am sure every time someone opens the door or they hear a bang outside it will cause them to be on edge for a long while.

"Around £10,000 of jewellery was taken in the robbery but the main thing is the staff are okay."

Mr Griffiths said he had not been in the store at the time of the robbery.

Handmade

He said no branded jewellery had been taken by the robbers.

"The handmade pieces will cost a little more to replace as we had those made especially before the price of gold was so high."

Detective Inspector Gary Dring, from the Force Criminal Investigation Department said: "This was a serious incident on a busy street in the middle of the afternoon. We need to catch the people responsible.

"There will have been many people in Wolverhampton Street at the time and I would urge anyone with information to come forward."

People are asked to call the Force CID on 101 or speak to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The raid comes at the same time the store has been celebrating its 50 years of trading in the town.

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£100,000 could be lifeline to the town

EMPTY shops in Dudley could be revitalised as training centres for trades such as hairdressing after the town landed a £100,000 grant, while neighbouring Wyre Forest has got an equal amount.

Dudley has been given the six-figure sum to help revive the high street by TV retail guru Mary Portas.

Wyre Forest has also won a slice of the £10 million High Street Innovation Fund, The money has been made available to the various councils in order to help bring empty shops back into use.

Six other Midland towns, cities and districts have also been given cash from the fund.

Meanwhile Dudley, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Bearwood and Walsall are also vying to become one of 12 areas chosen by Mary Queen of Shops star, Miss Portas, for additional help.

Dudley has the largest number of empty shops in the country for a medium sized town.

Councillor Angus Adams, said the council would look at working with Dudley College which was interested in opening some of the empty shops to offer services such as a hairdressing salon to be run by the college's students. There's plenty we can do with this funding."

Mast plans are shelved

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a phone mast in Wordsley have been shelved – just as campaigners presented 1,300 objections to the council.

But they have raised concerns that the proposals could be altered and resubmitted. Site owner Severn Trent asked phone giants O2 and Vodafone to pull out following a wave of protests. Residents in Wordsley have been battling the plans to build the 49ft mast next to Friar's Gorse water tower.

People see car park go with a bang

RESIDENTS said goodbye to Stourbridge's Bell Street car park with a bang as it disappeared in a cloud of dust.

Hundreds of people including those living at Baylie Court had to be evacuated for safety reasons prior to the explosive demolition on Sunday morning.

Many went to St Thomas' Church Hall, Market Street, where food and hot drinks had been laid on by construction firm Bowmer and Kirkland.

They were kept updated on the demolition progress on a big screen after workers trained cameras on the site.

Joann Willetts, aged 83, has lived in Baylie Court, Green Street, for more than 12 years.

The retired fashion designer said while some of the views from her flat look out across the Clent Hills, the others had been dominated by the shabby-looking car park.

"I could see all the graffiti, it was appalling," she said. "My bedroom windows looked directly at it but I used to pull my net curtains down so that I could not see it. I'm glad it has gone."

She was joined by Jenny Evans, 65, Mac Mountford, 65, and husband and wife Mavis and Brian Gaydon, 74 and 75 respectively.

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Fire goes out at station

The flag at the front of Halesowen Fire Station is lowered for the last tme

FIREFIGHTERS paraded outside the closing Halesowen Fire Station as they bade the building a fond farewell.

Townsfolk and relatives of the crews gathered just as Green Watch finished the last shift at the station on Sunday morning. The Hagley Road station has closed after a merger.

West Midlands Fire Service decided to combine operations with Cradley Heath.

The fire crew, in full uniform, marched on to the parade square outside the building after the shift finished at 8am.

Crews from Cradley Heath also arrived to salute their colleagues as they marched in single file to stand in front of their fire engine at the main entrance.

A lone bagpipe played a lament as the firefighters symbolically lowered the station's Union flag to mark the occasion.

It is hoped the flag will be flown over the new station to be built to serve both Halesowen and Cradley Heath.

Nearby residents, local councillors and Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris arrived for the early morning send-off.

Watch commander Carl Fenthan, 48, said: "We are a very, very close knit bunch and it is like a family. We all know each other really well and trust each other, which is very important in the job that we do."

The father-of-two will be going to Cradley Heath station where he will become blue watch commander.

Death race drivers are both sent to prison

TWO drivers who caused a fatal crash by racing their cars through Dudley at up to 120mph have been jailed.

Passengers Danny Eales, aged 24, and Tim Morris, 22, died after the Honda Civic they were in was crashed by their close friend Michael Allen.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Allen, 22, had been hurtling through Dudley at up to 120mph before offering to race father-of-four Simon Skidmore in his Mazda RX7.

The pair, who had never met before, raced through streets for one and a half miles before Allen lost control and smashed into a wall in Tipton Road, Sedgley.

The Civic, which had been modified to go from 0-60mph in 6.4 seconds, "catapulted" across the road.

Front seat passenger Mr Eales and Mr Morris, who sat in the back with his partner Jade Williams, were thrown from the vehicle as it cannoned off the wall at 10.15pm on April 8 last year. Pedestrians said they estimated the cars hit 100mph.

Allen, of Summer Lane, Lower Gornal, was jailed for nine and half years and banned for 12 years, while Skidmore, 25, of Westcroft Avenue, Wolverhampton, got seven years and a 10-year disqualification. Both had pleaded guilty to two charges each of causing death by dangerous driving.

Joy over 44 saved jobs

STAFF at a Lye factory have celebrated after all 44 of their jobs were saved when their firm was bought out of administration.

Administrators had kept Lye-based metal parts and components manufacturer AMI Blay-mires trading after they were called in on March 9.

Now a deal has been sealed that sees Staffordshire-based Unitech Industries buy the business and take on the 44 staff.

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Town plans to get on Metro route

A NEW Midland Metro route will form part of the multi-million-pound revamp of Dudley to link new supermarkets and tourist attractions, a transport boss vowed.

A line through the town as part of a £289m project is being included in the blueprint for work on Castle Hill.

It is hoped trams will stop outside a £20m supermarket in The Minories and run down Castle Hill, past the new entrance for the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoo.

The line would run between Wednesbury and Dudley Port, with around 15 stops.

Transport bosses are applying for Government funding and say the approved extension of the line between Birmingham New Street and Snow Hill was a positive step forward. Centro chairman and Dudley Councillor Angus Adams said: "We have included the Metro in the plans because we intend this to be a vital part of the regeneration of the town and the region.

"At the moment just one Metro line is not enough – we need a network to meet demand.

"We just need to wait and see if funding will become available but the reaction to the Birmingham line extension has been good and shows progress is being made." Concerns had been raised that the Metro route would be abandoned after plans were unveiled for hybrid tram-trains, capable of travelling along both light and heavy rail tracks, to take passengers along a defuncted freight train route between Stourbridge and Walsall, with stops in Brierley Hill and Dudley.

But Councillor Adams said the two developments were "separate".

Eyesore car park gets blasted out of skyline

STOURBRIDGE'S Bell Street car park came came down with a bang as it was reduced to rubble to herald a milestone in a multi-million pound regeneration project.

The skyline of the town was changed as the building was demolished within seconds using explosives.

Contractors were have begun the task of clearing the site of around 9,000 tons of rubble following Sunday's demolition, which saw part of the town centre closed off for safety reasons.

The car park and neighbouring Crown Centre are being demolished to make way for a new £50 million shopping centre and Tesco store. More than 120 people had to be evacuated from nearby homes including Baylie Court. Many were at St Thomas's Church Hall, in Market Street, where food and hot drinks had been laid on by construction firm Bowmer and Kirkland.

Drilled

Experts used about 30kg of high-speed explosives to level the car park. Workers laid around 6,336ft of cables around the five-level multi-storey to connect about 350 charges drilled into the concrete structure.

The layout of the charges was designed to allow the building to fall inwards to stop too much rubble and debris spilling outwards.

A huge plume of dust was sent into the sky when the car park was brought down to gasps from those who had gathered behind cordons.

Work to clear the site is expected to take four weeks while demolition of the neighbouring Crown Centre continues. Contractors will then begin to dig out the site for much of the rest of this year for the new underground car park. Work on the £50m Crown Centre and Tesco will begin next year.

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The explosion causes the car park to start collapsing

The building comes down in cloak of dust

All that is left of the multi-storey car park in Bell Street, Stourbridge – 9,000 tons of rubble. Picture by Patrick Mulvanney

New tigers help boost number of zoo visitors

DUDLEY Zoo has seen a 22 per cent increase in visitors in the first three months of this year compared to the same period in 2011.

Chief executive Peter Suddock said he was delighted with the figures as the zoo celebrates its 75th anniversary.

He says new attractions such as two new tigers, Tschuna and Daseep, have helped bring in the crowds.

This year's quarterly figures stand at 23,020 compared to 18,880 visitors for the same period in 2011.

"Given the current economic climate this is fantastic news," added Mr Suddock.

"The figures are good across the past three months ... which we believe is due to an increased presence on our website and daily news updates, plus the arrival of two highly endangered tigers which created massive interest."

The 75th anniversary plans include the opening of a new attraction called Penguin Bay. The walkthrough enclosure will offer visitors the chance to get close to the zoo's 70-strong group of rare Humboldt penguins – the largest colony in the UK. It is due to launch on May 6, the date the zoo opened to the public in 1937.

370 are waiting for new organs

AROUND 370 patients in the West Midlands are desperately waiting for life-saving organs, according to new figures.

Although there are currently 829,082 people in the region on the donor register, NHS Blood and Transplant says more are needed to meet the shortage.

Latest figures from the health organisation show , as up to the end of March, there were 370 patients on the waiting list.

The number includes 117 who have been temporarily removed because they are too ill or unable to receive a transplant.

Of those on the list, 333 need a kidney transplant, five are waiting for a lung transplant and four are waiting for a new heart. Patients are also waiting for liver and pancreas transplants.

The figures cover postcodes in the West Midlands Strategic Health Authority area including Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Birmingham, Wyre Forest and Stafford.

At the moment, people have to opt in to the NHS organ donor register log on to www.organdonation.nhs.uk

Travellers have gone

TRAVELLERS have finally left the overflow car park at the Black Country Living Museum – just as hundreds of extra visitors are expected over the Easter holidays.

They moved after museum bosses said they would apply to the High Court to get them evicted.

They had already ignored a court order which required them to leave the site immediately.

Museum spokeswoman Sara Lambert said: "We hope for a busy time over the Easter holiday and are pleased there will be plenty of parking available."

Anxiety classes

WORKSHOPS are being set up in Dudley for people suffering from anxiety, stress and depression.

The Dudley Rethink team offers one-to-one sessions for people looking for help.

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700 sign to save theatre

ALMOST 700 people have joined the crusade to save Dudley Hippodrome from the bulldozer.

Campaigners say the strength of support is growing as word spreads that the historic Castle Hill landmark could be lost.

A multi-million masterplan is being developed to transform Castle Hill into a tourist hotspot and with the old Hippodrome being at the heart of the development, it could be demolished.

Campaigners, lead by enthusiasts Malcolm Palmer and Geoff Fitzpatrick, say they will be lobbying Dudley councillors to hold more talks on the future of the theatre.

Mr Palmer said they are looking to form a trust allowing them to attract sponsorship and other grant funding to help their campaign. But he says top priority must be in establishing a committee to develop more ideas.

"Everyone I have spoken to would like to see it stay. What better way to promote tourism than reopening the theatre?" To join the campaign email Mr Fitzpatrick on: ghfitzpatrick@hotmail.co.uk or call 07875 901369. Mr Palmer is on 01902 678012.

Youngsters cleaning up

YOUNGSTERS rolled up their sleeves to collect litter in Kidderminster.

The group from the Aggborough and Spennells area joined the Friends of Cobham Wood's community tidy day.

Together with members of Oakleaf Grounds Services – part of The Community Housing Group – they collected more than 20 bags of litter and items such as corrugated metal sheets and gas bottles from the site.

To get involved in future projects, call Jordan Farnell, 01562 732346.

Call for players

A BADMINTON club is on the look out for new players.

Bewdley Colts wants to swell its ranks and offering free taster sessions to anyone interested in joining.

Anyone interested in a session or for more details can call Dave Barnett on 01299 402238 or Bewdley Leisure Centre on 01299 402595.

Dramatic fall in borough crimes, says survey

A DRAMATIC cut in crime saw almost 3,000 fewer victims in the Dudley borough, compared to the previous year. Across the West Midlands region crime levels are lower than at any time since 2002, say police.

In Dudley since last April, a total of 15,272 crimes have been reported, compared to 18,157 the year before.

The figures includes 429 fewer victims of vehicle crime and 416 fewer house raids.

The number of victims of the most serious violence dropped by 24 and 748 fewer businesses were hit by crime. Dudley's Chief Superintendent Keith Baldwin said the force-wide reductions happened in spite of more than 1,700 staff leaving the organisation through £126 million cutbacks over four years.

Summer

And he pointed out the lower crime figures was set against the backdrop of last summer's riots, which brought some of the worst disorder the region has ever seen.

"At the same time levels of satisfaction with feedback and action taken are showing some of the highest figures ever recorded since our in-depth surveys were launched," he added.

"All of this has been achieved at a time when we have made significant savings. Many of our functions have been reviewed which has led to some reductions in workforce and involved changes to the frequency of what we do, how we do it or whether we do it at all without impacting on service.

"The last year has been extremely positive in terms of our performance and I am proud that we are making a difference where it really matters to our communities. Performance from September to January was particularly impressive, with some of the lowest recorded levels of robbery for a decade.

Crackdown

"These big reductions in crime across the board are good news."

The force's crackdown on robbery, driven by Operation Serve and Protect, resulted in over 1,600 fewer victims compared to this time last year.

Collision victim Denis, 92, is first to try new crossing

Denis Greaves not long after the accident

A 92-YEAR-OLD man seriously injured in a collision at a Black Country accident blackspot was among the first people to use a new pedestrian crossing there.

People near the Hagley Road dual carriageway, at Hayley Green, Halesowen – where four pedestrians have died in accidents along with numerous other incidents – had campaigned for action for many years.

It was known as the second most dangerous stretch of road in the UK.

The new puffin crossing – similar to a pelican but with detectors that change the lights as soon as someone has reached the other side of the road – was used by 92-year-old Denis Greaves, who has spent the last 17 months recovering from multiple injuries received when hit by a car, in which he was hurled about 50ft.

He suffered a cut head, multiple fractures of his right leg, severe trauma to his right hip and leg, grazes and bruises.

The retired British Leyland factory worker, who was crossing on his daily walk to collect newspapers for himself and neighbours when the accident happened, said: "We always called this stretch of road between Halesowen and the Badgers Sett at Hagley the 'mad mile' because people used to race along it.

Frightens

"It still frightens me. But I appreciate what's been done to get the crossing and it will be safer for children and older people to cross."

Dudley Council has installed the £85,000, after a consultation with residents and the lights were switched on for the first time on last week.

The road was labelled the second most dangerous in Britain when it featured in an ITV documentary in 2004.

Councillor Ken Turner, said: "The opening of the crossing is a day of elation for us."

Councillors Hazel and Ken Turner with 92-year-old Denis Greaves who was seriously injured in a collision at the accident blackspot, use the new crossing

Hundreds line the streets for Luke's funeral

HUNDREDS of mourners lined the streets of Hagley to pay their last respects to 15-year-old rugby player Luke Chapman. The teenager, a pupil at the village's Haybridge High School, died after collapsing during a match in Kidderminster.

The village near Stourbridge came to a standstill as the funeral cortege made its way through the streets to St John the Baptist Church.

Pupils from Luke's school applauded as the procession went past while traders and shoppers also came out onto the street to pay their respects on Friday.

People began to walk behind the cortege as it travelled along Worcester Road to the church.

The funeral service was led by The Rev Richard Newton and included the hymn The Lord's My Shepherd and a poem written by some of Luke's friends.

Carole King's You've Got A Friend and I'll Be Missing You by Puff Daddy and Faith Evans, were played at the beginning and end of the service as they were both songs Luke enjoyed listening to.

Rev Newton said: "We honour Luke's memory by doing our best to allow it to live on – and we don't do that by standing still.

"So this service is an occasion for us to lament and mourn, but it's also a celebration of Luke's life."

Luke's headteacher and friends have expressed their shock and sadness at his sudden death on March 20.

NEWS in brief

Rail supply firm in funding deal

A RAIL industry supply firm in Stourbridge has secured extra funding to start exporting products.

More than 100 businesses have received advice and access to funding at events held by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.

SCG Solutions Ltd, on the Gainsborough Trading Estate, in Lye, was one of the latest firms to benefit.

Director Steve Marsh said he was able to strike a deal after attending a meeting at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.

Meeting date for train enthusiasts

STEAM train enthusiasts will discuss the latest developments on the Severn Valley Railway on April 4.

Members of the Severn Valley Railway association's Stourbridge branch will meet at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge from 7.30pm.

Speaker will be the Severn Valley Railway's chief engineer Phil Sowden, who will give a presentation called the Severn Valley's infrastructure from 2008. Admission is £2 including refreshments. Call 01384 375582.

Police use footie to bridge the gap

POLICE from Dudley took part in a seven-a-side football match against youths as part of an event to promote community cohesion.

Officers lined up against the 15 to 23-year-olds at the Dell Stadium in Brierley Hill. The event, called Bridging the Gap, also featured a stone lifting display from Stourbridge College student Shazada Istahaar, 17.

Heavy horses to haul beer loads

SHIRE horses from the Midland Heavy Horse Association will deliver local ales to the pubs of Kinver on May 26.

The dray will drop off ales produced by Kinver Brewery to the KSCA, Royal Exchange, The Cross Inn, Kinver Constitutional Club and the Old White Harte between 12 noon and 2pm.

Helpers needed

MENTOR Link, a charity supporting young people, is looking for people to help out for two hours a week at its shop in Lombard Street, Stourbridge. Call 01299 823537.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

OUR changing language. The sponsors of the Walking With the Wounded event announce that the walkers have set themselves the challenge "to successfully summit Mount Everest." Or, as we used to say, climb it.

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A READER reports hearing a spokesperson defending the rise in stamp prices to 60p on the grounds that "until a few months ago the Royal Mail had been cash-negative."

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SERIOUSLY, did you ever imagine you'd be rich enough to buy first-class stamps at 12 shillings each?

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WHILE in Suffolk we stayed at a fine old-fashioned pub, one of those rare hostelries where they still welcome man's best friend. A huffy mother wanted to know why dogs were allowed in the bar but not children and was told that it was simply an old tradition. The honest answer, of course, is that dogs are clean, quiet, well behaved and everybody loves them. Kids, on the other hand . . .

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I REPORTED recently on the lad issued with a petrol-driven leaf blower in order that he could blow leaves up the street for the wind to blow them down the street. A similar infernal device was in use on the sea front at Southwold, being used in the equally pointless task of blowing sand off the prom while shattering the morning peace. Whatever happed to brooms?

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OR SINK plugs, for that matter. There was probably no more efficient, reliable and cheap device than the old rubber sink plug on a chain. Plugs did exactly what their name suggests. They plugged the plughole. Sadly, they are being replaced by those new-fangled chrome-plunger devices which neither keep the water in the sink when you want to fill it nor let the water out properly when you want to drain it. Let us turn the clocks back. The Campaign for Real Plugs begins (and very probably ends) here.

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ONE of the blights on our countryside is the array of roadside billboards mounted on trailers parked in fields close to our major roads. They are presumably legal and doubtless put a few quid in the back pockets of farmers while providing publicity for festival organisers and other advertisers. But what an eyesore they are. I was surprised to see one billboard, beside the A14 in Warwickshire, taken by a huge advert for the Royal Air Force Reserves and paid for by the Ministry of Defence – in other words by you and me. Our armed forces are supposed to defend this nation, not despoil it.

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A NEIGHBOUR brought us half-a-dozen tiny eggs, laid by her free-range bantams which have been grazing on the new spring grass. Wow. I had forgotten that eggs were actually supposed to taste of something. I could have eaten a dozen.

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ON SECOND thoughts, maybe not a dozen. Even tasty eggs are best digested in moderation. As any solicitor will tell you, eggs may not be legal but they are binding.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Transport bosses welcome new lanes

PLANS for new bus lanes on a busy road leading to the Merry Hill shopping centre have been welcomed by transport bosses.

The work is part of a £10 million scheme to revamp Merry Hill bus station and the network in Brierley Hill.

New bus lanes and gates will be put on The Boulevard, the main link road between the centre and the A4036 Pedmore Road. At least 40 stops will be upgraded. It comes after the Department for Transport said Centro would receive £5m from the Government towards the scheme.

It has also granted nearly £1.4m for a fleet of 21 hybrid buses to be brought into service on the Number 1 route which runs between Wolverhampton and Dudley.

Centro chairman Councillor Angus Adams said: "This is fantastic news for passengers and a real win-win.

"It means Merry Hill – one of the showpiece shopping centres of the region – will get a truly 21st century bus station while one of the Black Country's key bus routes will get a fleet of environmentally friendly vehicles."

Merry Hill and the neighbouring Waterfront office complex provide more than 8,000 jobs in retail, construction and the service industry.

The shopping centre is the second biggest in the West Midlands, attracting more than 20 million visitors a year, but transport authority Centro said it had suffered in recent years from heavy traffic congestion on surrounding roads.

The revamp of the bus station will include up-to-the-minute electronic displays at all stands and improved waiting facilities.

Jeweller can still cut it after 50 years in town

A JEWELLER is celebrating 50 years of trading in Dudley and has no plans to give up the successful business anytime in the near future.

John Griffiths marked the golden anniversary of taking over John Hollins Ltd in Wolverhampton Street on April 1. The 72-year-old said it had been a "wonderful" 50 years and praised staff both past and present for helping to make the store one of the best-known in the area. He still oversees all management decisions at the store.

Mr Griffiths bought the company from previous owner Charles Young after serving his apprenticeship with the Eames group.

His family had worked in the trade for many years with his grandfather setting up Arthur Griffiths Jewellers in Cradley Heath.

His father, also Arthur but better known as Eric, later took over the business and it is now run by his brother Peter.

Separate

Mr Griffiths said his father had believed it best the brothers operated separate firms and heard Charles Young was planning to retire.

"The deal was agreed and I took over at John Hollins on April 1 1962," he said.

"The first thing I wanted to do was expand the sales area. At the time it was very cramped and the counters were very high.

"One of the staff who worked here at the time, Evelyn Davies, had to stand on a box because the counters were so high. We still have the box she used."

Mrs Davies agreed to stay on while Mr Griffiths settled in but remained for many years after. Another well-known worker was Ron Bond. The firm has two full-time and one part-time worker. Mr Griffiths said the firm was established in 1804. The shop front has been listed by English Heritage.

Still going strong after 50 years in business – jeweller John Griffiths with his loyal staff Elaine De-Akinbothum, left, Lynne Willetts and Chris Gill

John with previous owner Charles Young

The listed shop front in the town

Having a say over planning

RESIDENTS can have their say on a blueprint guiding how new buildings, public spaces and redesigned streets planned for Dudley will look.

Developments such as five new public areas and a wildlife corridor linking beauty spots in Brierley Hill form part of an area action plan agreed by Dudley Council.

A further document which will guide how new schemes in the town will be designed and created has now gone out to consultation.

Residents can register their views online or by post until May 30.

The Brierley Hill Supplementary Planning Document is a key part of deciding new developments for the town up until 2026.

The plan aims to create a network of streets and spaces linking the town centre and surrounding areas, including the Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

It also aims to improve public thoroughfares to give pedestrians, cyclists and public transport priority and ensure historic buildings are retained and integrated with any new developments.

Council to pay over dragging its feet

DUDLEY Council has been slammed by a watchdog for taking too long to deal with noise and pollution caused by a foundry and must now pay out £7,000.

The authority "unreasonably delayed" taking action over Caparo Aluminium Technologies Ltd in Wollaston, the Local Government Ombudsman has ruled.

Locals won their three-year battle to get the factory's work restricted in 2010 when the council finally issued the firm with a permit restricting their work.

The site closed shortly after, with bosses saying they could not stick to the new rules.

Residents, many of whom are elderly, claimed noise, foul smells and sand blew over their homes from the plant.

The ombudsman Dr Jane Martin has ordered the council to pay £250 compensation to the complainant and each of the 27 households affected after being found guilty of maladministration.

Free tickets to tea dance

FREE tickets are available for a tea dance as part of Stourbridge's St George's day celebrations.

Dudley Council is organising this year's event on April 21. As well as a parade, there will be live music and street entertainment there is a ticket only tea dance in the town hall from 1pm to 3pm, with doors opening at 12.30pm.

Those coming along will enjoy dance and music from Avril Watkins and a live performance from local favourite Maggie O'Hara.

There will also be information stands in the hall. To apply for tickets contact Kate Rochester-Jones on 01384 815222 or email kate.rochester-jones@dudley.gov.uk

Traders wanted

COMMUNITY organisations and traders are being invited to take stores at a family fun day at Stourbridge Cricket Club.

The club, based at the War Memorial Athletic Ground in Amblecote High Street, will be hosting the event on May 6.

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Black Country industrial link to the tragic Titanic

MAJOR parts of the tragic ocean liner were built in the West Midlands and now visitors to a museum can see first-hand the links the region has to the Titanic. Great Barr researcher Andrew Lound has crammed findings from 40 years of research into the display, which is taking place in Smethwick until April 29.

The Titanic sank 100 years ago. **DAVID LUMB** reports on how museum visitors can see its links with industry in the West Midlands

There are about 400 exhibits on show, including replica equipment used to weigh luggage made by Smethwick-based W&T Avery Ltd at its Soho Foundry in 1911.

There will be pictures of safes, made by Bilston's Thomas Perry & Son plus a plate featuring the Thomas Perry & Company logo, like the ones that would have been fixed to the safes.

The safes would have been located on the sea deck and used to keep first-class passengers' valuables secure.

Door locks made by a number of small firms in Willenhall are also on display plus crystal light fittings from Brierley Hill Crystal.

Based

There will be information about Brierley Hill company Welin-Lambie, which invented the 'davit' or crane used for lowering down lifeboats.

The company, which is now based in Old Bush Street, went on to supply QEII and Royal Yacht Britannia.

Curator Mr Lound, said the exhibition, which began in January, had been a "tremendous success".

He said: "What seems to be impressing people is the number of Birmingham and Black Country firms that were associated not only with the Titanic but with ship building in general.

"The exhibition is, however, just getting into its stride as April is Titanic month.

"The Avery Historical Museum will be staging special events to commemorate the Titanic and all its passengers and crew."

The exhibition is being held at Avery Weigh-Tronix's Soho Foundry, Foundry Lane, Smethwick.

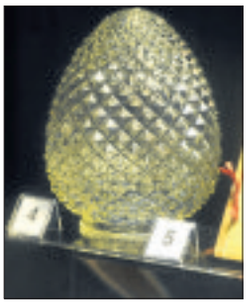
General manager Mike Scott added: "We are committed to preserving our company history. Avery have a number of direct links with the Titanic – former managing director William Edward Hipkins lost his life on board the ship and the company supplied the Titanic with a range of weighing equipment.

"Supporting this centenary exhibition seemed a natural extension of the work of our museum."

On April 7 and 8 the exhibition will be open from 10.30am with a special presentation at 2pm. To book show tickets and for all opening times call 0121 568 1667.

Exhibition curator Andrew Lound, from Great Barr, working on a sea floor exhibit

Avery scales which would have been in Titanic's mail room


A lampshade from Brierley Crystal

A lifeboat davit model from Wellin-Lambie, Brierley Hill

Andrew Lound shows off a porthole from the wrecked Titanic

A safe plate from Thomas Perry & Son, Bilston

A whistle by Hudsons of Hockley

First class security trainees

TRAINEES at a Dudley company are the first to qualify from a security-training course, which is the only one of its kind in the country.

The seven-week security-training course, developed by Mercury Training Services, gives trainees the skills security employers need from their staff.

In recognition of their achievement, the leader of Dudley Council, Councillor Les Jones, was invited to present certificates to 14 graduates.

The Brierley Hill company, helps people who are unemployed to learn skills in security, CCTV, door supervision, conflict management, problem solving, customer service and team work.

Mercury Training work with Job Centre Plus as well as security employers, with the aim of training people and getting them into work.

Following the successful completion of the course, graduates receive their Security Industry Authority Licence (SIA).

Paul Lawton-Jones, managing director of Mercury Training Services, said: "We recognise the need by employers for staff to be trained to the highest standards."

Heroes of energy call

DUDLEY Climate Change Group's Energy Heroes Awards is in its third year and is offering a cash prize to energy-conscious businesses, residents, community groups and schools.

The awards recognise the achievements made by organisations and individuals in energy saving or generating renewable energy.

Judges will be looking for projects that have helped to reduce energy use in the last year. The deadline is April 30. Shortlisted entries will receive an informal visit from the judging panel and an awards ceremony will be held in June. Call 01384 814756 or visit www.dudleylsp.org/energyheroes

Family fun day

A FAMILY fun day takes place at Stourbridge Cricket Club on Sunday, May 6. Community organisations and traders are invited to take stores at the event, at the club's War Memorial Athletic Ground in Amblecote High Street.

NEWS in brief

Wheely good way to cheap power

AN ENGINEER has come up with an ideal solution to soaring electricity bills – producing his own power.

A 10ft high water wheel has been installed at a home in Far Forest, near Kidderminster, to generate electricity for a historic house that Maurice Latchford has revamped over the last two years.

He will now rent out the property after the wheel is fitted by steel fabricators Pressvess in Kingswinford. The wheel cost £20,000 and took eight weeks to design and make.

Centre running exercise classes

A NEW series of exercise classes are being run at Halesowen Leisure Centre.

The ten-week programme provides exercise and nutritional advice. It is free to people with a body mass index of more than 28.

Sessions will run from April 17 to June 19 with classes every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm and every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm.

Fundraisers are wanted for event

FUNDRAISERS are need to take part in a one day challenge of paddling, walking and cycling through Worcestershire.

Teams of eight to 12 people will raise cash for St Richard's Hospice.

The Paddle, Plod and Pedal Challenge is on June 23. There is no entry fee, but there is a fundraising target of £250 for individuals or £2,500 for teams. Call 01905 763963.

Proposal to bring life to empty pub

PLANS to turn an empty pub in Stourbridge into a coffee shop and takeaway are set to get the go-ahead.

The work would transform the old Rock Station, Vauxhall Street.

A planning application submitted to Dudley Council states that the ground floor would be used as the takeaway and coffee shop.

Bluebell walking

THE NATIONAL Trust is running a bluebell walk in the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, on May 15. It will start at Nimmings Wood car park at 10am and will last three hours.

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Philip's holidays are full of animal magic

PENSIONER Philip Bunn loves Dudley Zoo so much, he spends his holidays there.

Philip, of Smethwick, is a long-standing zoo member, but mobility problems now make transport difficult – so the 69-year-old books himself into a nearby hotel for a week and visits the site every day.

He said: "I have always loved coming to the zoo right from an early age when I used to visit with my mother.

"I have stayed in touch over the years, although it is harder for me to get there now, so I make a regular reservation at the Station Hotel, which is opposite the zoo entrance, and visit the site every day throughout the week."

Curators

He added: "I adore the place, it makes me feel so happy to see the animals and learn about any new arrivals from staff who all know me and have a chat when I come over."

Philip this week showed how much he loves the zoo by donating £500 towards the zoo's enrichment programmes.

He said: "I have asked that the money be put to suitable projects for whatever animals the curators suggest – there is always something going on and I know the cash will be spent well."

The zoo's spokeswoman Jill Hitchman, said: "We are so grateful to Philip for his immensely generous donation.

"It will be spent on animal enrichment with various sections and we've promised to let him know about the projects as they take place."

Smethwick pensioner Philip Bunn, enjoying his holiday at Dudley Zoo

Sprout celebrates 1st birthday with a cuddle

DUDLEY Zoo staff have celebrated the first birthday of one of their rarest species. Bornean orang utan, Sprout, enjoyed treats from keepers and cuddles from her mother, Jazz. Keepers say the young primate has become more independent and spends time walking around and playing by herself, but will remain dependent on 20-year-old Jazz, until she is at least six. Primates keeper Pat Stevens said: "Sprout is one-year-old and we just can't believe where all that time has gone." She was the first orang utan born at the zoo in 19 years.

Boost for jobs from plumbing merchants

A PLUMBERS merchants which has opened in Brierley Hill is hoping to create new jobs.

Gilbert & Shropshire Ltd has moved into a disused unit at the Delph Road Industrial Estate, Brierley Hill, and is planning to take on new staff soon.

Bosses said it had not yet been decided how many positions would be created, but employment opportunities would be available to residents. The firm, with its head office in Coventry, was founded 26 years ago by Colin Gilbert and David Shropshire.

It supplies plumbing and heating equipment to companies and individuals, and, despite the present economic climate, bosses said they were confident branching out into Brierley Hill would be a successful move.

Mr Shropshire, 53, said: "We had a showroom in the Pedmore area for three years and when the opportunity came to expand into Brierley Hill it was too good an opportunity to miss."

Pyjama game

HEALTH and social care students and staff at Halesowen College raised £124 for charity by attending classes in their pyjamas.

The group donated money to wear their night clothes and asked people to guess the name of a toy hippo. The money goes to Childline.

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Tories isolated over care home

THROUGHOUT my life I have always fought for the disadvantaged and disabled in our society.

Now with my friend Phil Vanes we are leading the fight to keep open New Bradley Hall Care Home for the elderly, against the Conservative controlled Dudley Council's plan to close this most wonderful home.

We formed a relative/friends group called Action Group NBH and in a short time raised more than 5,000 signatures on our petition from people all over Dudley, and given more time could have raised well over 20,000, with not one person refusing to sign in support of our campaign. The council were then obligated to let me speak for three minutes at a full council meeting to state our case. At the end of that Les Jones, the leader of the council, made a decision to "set aside" the closure plan until there was a new consultation process.The council commissioned Age UK, Dudley, to organise five consultation meetings around Dudley.

When the Age UK Dudley facilitator was asked if Age UK Dudley represented residents in care homes she said they do not and would not be submitting their own report concerning their view on the proposed closure of NBH Care Home which in my opinion raises serious doubts on the impartiality of Age UK Dudley to organise this consultation process.

The position in Dudley at present is most of the public support keeping open NBH Care Home including the health service, churches and other political parties, so where does that leave the Conservative controlled cabinet of Dudley Council? I would say that they are isolated from the electorate of Dudley.

MAC SCOTT MBE
Marsh Crescent
Wordsley

Crossed lines over plight of the elderly

I FEEL I must apologise to Lindsey Phillips.

I could not have expressed myself very clearly, because she seems to be under the impression I have somehow implied she is not mature because she is "only 17".

I merely said as she was so young there was a possibility, yes I did say, possibility her grandmother was under 80 and as such she would maybe not be aware of how some more elderly people struggle to heat their homes.

I appreciate, as do many of the other writers I am sure, that you are entitled to your opinion but as most were pointing out, you were very misinformed.

I would not comment on the difficulties of the young because I know nothing about it.

JENNY JAMES
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Government attacks society's vulnerable

THIS government has the audacity to tell us we are all in it together and then go on to attack the most vulnerable people in our society the elderly.

These are the very people that fought for his country, most of these elderly fought in at least one world war and some of them fought in two. They have been the very backbone and pioneers of industry of which we will never see again. It makes me sick to the pit of my stomach to see the elderly in our country treated with so little respect.

To remove the age allowance for the 65 and above is absolutely appalling and they should hang their heads in shame. It may be a small allowance to the MPs with their gold-plated incomes and their inflation proof pensions. But let me assure you this allowance, means to the elderly that they can have that hot meal and maybe, just maybe put their heating on. May I also remind Mr Cameron and Mr Clegg that this age allowance is already means tested and only the very vulnerable pensioners qualify. Why do we treat our elderly with so little respect?

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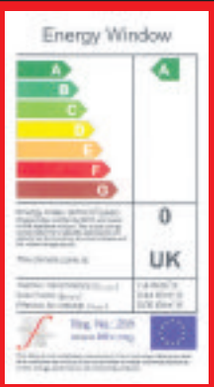

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Pregnant woman, 28 is guilty of handling

A MOTHER-TO-BE helped to sell stolen power tools to a Black Country branch of Cash Converters, a court was told.

Gemma Louise Loveridge and her former boyfriend allegedly entered the store, in Stourbridge High Street, with the tools last January.

Dudley Magistrates Court was told he had originally tried to sell the items but did not have any identification when asked by staff.

He had asked Loveridge, aged 28, of Oak Street, Kingswinford, to provide some ID which she did and they received £185 for the goods.

The items were later found to have been stolen and had a value of £1,480.

Loveridge, who is seven-months pregnant, pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods. Magistrates delayed sentence for a report. Loveridge will return before the court on April 13.

Miss Sukhi Rai, prosecuting, said in interview Loveridge had told police she and her boyfriend had been asked to take the goods to Cash Converters to sell by a third party.

Mr Steve Hamblett, defending, said: "She has admitted what she has done and was co-operative with police."

Spring fair date

A SPRING fair for Age Concern Stourbridge & Halesowen is being held on April 28 from 10.30am at The Elton Centre, St John's Road, Stourbridge.

Council houses will be fitted with solar panels

ALMOST 200 council houses in Dudley are being fitted with solar panels to save tenants around £100 a year on their energy bills.

They are being installed on homes across the Priory estate at a cost of £1.5million and will provide free electricity to the residents during daylight hours. The panels will generate the equivalent of roughly one free month of electricity per year. They will be installed on 180 south-facing council homes by workers from power company E.ON.

Any additional electricity generated which tenants do not use will be transferred to the national grid.

Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "This is an important investment by Dudley Council that over time gives tenants the opportunity to save on average £100 a year on their energy bills as well as reducing the borough's carbon footprint, a priority for us all.

"The scheme will cost an estimated £1.5 million and the cost of the panels will obviously be repaid, over time, through the Government's feed-in tariff scheme."

Work has already begun on a separate community project to install solid wall insulation on 300 homes in the Priory area.

Around 100 homes will get cavity insulation and 200 will receive new energy efficient boilers as part of the scheme funded by E.ON.

Residents were consulted on the plans last year. More than £350m will be invested across the country by energy firms in the next three years.

Solar panels are becoming increasingly popular around the country.

A golden celebration

Ray and Denise Brothwood celebrate at St Matthew's Church, Tipton where they were married 50 years ago

THEY caught each other's eye across the floor of a Tipton school youth club – and 50 years later, their romance is still blossoming.

Ray Brothwood MBE and his wife Denise, now of New Birmingham Road, Dudley, are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They tied the knot at St Matthew's Church, Dudley Road, Tipton on March 31, 1962. Over the years the couple, who met at the club at Park Lane School, have worked and swum together nearly every day. They have two daughters, Lisa and Donna, and four grandchildren, Amie, Lily, Ruby and Jack. The couple worked at Raymond's Furnishings, Horseley Heath for 25 years, and then at Raymond's Trophies, Castle Hill, Dudley, for about 10 years.

Denise said she remembered her wedding day as if it was yesterday.

She said: "He was very handsome when I first saw him and still is now." Ray, 72, who has been chairman of Tipton Civic Society for 18 years, said: "She has always been smart, smiling, a pleasure to be with, and has a kind heart."

Facelift for banquet site

A HALESOWEN banqueting venue has had a £20,000 facelift – with a further £10,000 to be splashed out – to tempt more couples to book weddings there.

Benjamin's in Birmingham Street hosted 55 weddings last year and plans to cater for even more now. John Marshall, who owns it with Norman Sands, said: "We're having more weddings than ever."

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Co-op plans for old pub would bring 20 new jobs

THE MYSTERY surrounding the fate of a former pub could be solved with plans to transform it into a Co-operative store, creating 20 jobs.

Work has been progressing to put on a new roof, refurbish and extend the old Broadway pub in Norton, Stourbridge, for several months.

Midcounties Co-op recently lodged an application with Dudley Council to create an off-licence at the building but refused to comment last month. Now, however, the company has confirmed it is planning to create a convenience store.

SEP Properties, of Stone Street, Dudley, which purchased the building, had also stayed tight-lipped about its future and workers – questioned by residents – maintained the mystery, refusing to give away details of its planned use once the refurbishment work has been completed.

But Midcounties Co-operative spokesman Louise Evans said: "We are currently developing the former Broadway pub in Stourbridge and, subject to planning permission, hope to bring this site back into use as a convenience store, creating around 20 jobs."

The pub, on the corner of The Broadway and Windsor Road, used to be a popular live music venue. But it closed in February last year, when licensees Jane and Keith Johnson said they had struggled to make ends meet.

Speculation in the area mounted about its future, with predictions including it could be turned into a doctor's surgery or an Indian restaurant.

School to mark 50th

Arron Tonks, front, with Mia Stone, Korben Sloan, Sarah Knight, Joseph Brettle and Florence Proctor

A BOOK chronicling day-to-day events at a Black Country school is giving youngsters a fascinating glimpse into the past as they prepare to celebrate a special anniversary. Cotwall End Primary School, Sedgley, will mark its 50th anniversary on April 30. Youngsters will stage a history day on the anniversary with each year looking at a part of life during the 1960s. Display boards created by the youngsters will be put up for an open event on May 19. The event will be open to staff and pupils who attended the school during the 1960s and 1970s. People who attended during those years can call on 01384 818730 or e-mail info@cotwall.dudley.sch.uk to book their place.

Bid to extend wash hours

PLANS to extend the opening hours of a car wash and valeting business in Stourbridge have been lodged with council chiefs.

An application to open on Sundays and Bank Holidays at the Westlands Direct site, High Street, Amblecote have been submitted to Dudley Council. The car wash is currently open Monday to Saturday but bosses say they want to opens seven days a week.

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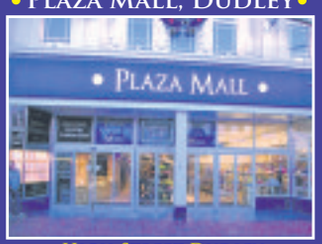

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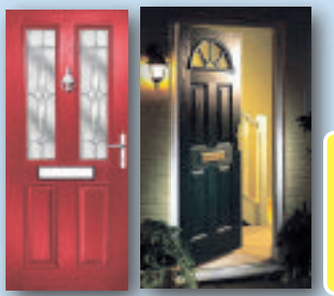

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Diggers ripping through centre demolition work

DIGGERS have ripped through the rooftop car park of Stourbridge's Crown Centre as demolition work continues to change the face of the town centre.

These latest pictures show machines making quick work of the demolition. Piles of dust and rubble have been mounting up as workers smashed through the roof into the upper floors of the building.

The centre's tower where shoppers used to access stairs and lifts has been cut away from Bell Street after bridges were dismantled.

Heavy blocks of concrete have fallen to the floor where motorists once drove down New Road outside the multi-storey car park.

But these are gradually being moved as the machinery moves through the Crown Centre building where weddings once took place in the town's register office. Now large sections of the concrete wall of Bell Street car park near the Crystal Leisure Centre have been removed.

Construction firm Bowmer and Kirkland have erected security fencing around both buildings as part of the works.

They plan to blow up the ailing car park early next month to make way for a new £50 million Tesco redevelopment. At this stage in the project demolition work is being carried out on Sundays to reduce disruption to the town. Stourbridge Library and the town hall can only be accessed via Crown Square while the work is carried out. A new entrance to the library and town hall will soon open along Smithfields, off Market Street.

Mosaic carefully lifted out

The mosaic is removed from the floor of the former Crown Centre

A MOSAIC of Stourbridge's coat of arms that dates back to the 1920s has been carefully removed from the Crown Centre as part of its £50 million redevelopment project.

The historic artwork will now be restored by Tesco.

Specialist equipment was used to extract the mosaic from the floor of the centre, which is being demolished as part of work to create a new supermarket.

Project manager Mark Glover, from Bowmer & Kirkland, said the mosaic had been covered by a protective plastic panel before contractors began cutting around it.

The team spent several hours carefully drilling around the tiles and the mosaic was lifted out of the ground last week.

Cracks in the decoration will be repaired and it will then be incorporated into the new development.

Castle holding bat walk

A POPULAR annual bat walk will be held through the grounds of Hartlebury Castle near Kidderminster.

Visitors will be able to find out more about the creatures during the event at 7.30pm on May 18.

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Number of lay ministers rise across the Diocese

THE NUMBER of lay ministers joining the Diocese of Worcester has soared by 20 per cent in the past 12 months.

More than 200 volunteer ministers have been authorised as lay ministers, also known as Readers, across the diocese during the past two years. But the news comes as leaders of the diocese, which covers churches in parts of the Black Country and Worcestershire, battle to plug the gaps of the numbers of clergy leaving the church.

Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Rev David Walker admitted more clergy were leaving the paid ministry than entering it due to many reaching retirement age.

And he said volunteer Lay Ministers were having to play an increasingly vital role in maintaining the church's links with the community. "It is certainly true that there are currently more clergy currently leaving paid ministry than there are entering it, largely due to the baby boomer generation reaching retirement age," he said.

"Clergy are deployable nationally and each diocese can only have their fair share of that national pool."

The bishop added the move reflected the changing role of the stipendiary clergy with more volunteers working alongside vicars.

Stipendiary clergy receive a form of salary, often tied in with housing, which means they do not need to have other paid work and they can give their lives to the Church. However, a lay minister is a voluntary, unpaid position within a church community.

Moving on the rowdies

POLICE have been given new powers to clamp down on troublemakers plaguing a Dudley ward after receiving more than 1,000 calls about anti-social behaviour in just under a year.

Officers have been granted the power to move on groups causing a nuisance in the Castle and Priory area of the borough. Dispersal orders, which will run for six months, have been put in place and cover 31 streets.

They include alley, play areas and parks and will run until September 25 in a bid to reduce the number of reports of anti-social behaviour.

Police will have the power to break up groups of youths if they believe they are at risk of causing trouble.

They can also take under 16s home to their parents between the hours of 9pm and 6am and ban people from returning to specific areas within 24 hours.

Castle & Priory neighbourhood police sergeant, Warren Hayward, said: "Between January and November last year we received more than 1,000 calls relating to anti-social behaviour in these three identified areas.

"Working with the Council, we've now secured dispersal orders covering these zones and we're confident it will combat poor behaviour and make people of Castle & Priory feel safer."

The orders cover three zones. The first covers Wrens Nest Road, from Celandine Road to the bottom access of Hillside Road, Willow Road, Summer Road, Hillside Road, Broom Road, Washington Court, Old Park Road, as far as alleyway leading to Ivy Road and Oak Green.

The second includes Priory Road, from Limes Road to Mayfield Road, Bluebell Road, Laburnam Road, Lilac Road, Lavender Road, Cedar Road, Maple Road, Forest Road, Castle Mill Road, Fryers Gate, Beech Road, Elm Road, Oak Road, Sommery Road, Woodland Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, Hawthorne Road, Pagnal Drive and Gervase Drive.

The final zone covers Goodrich Mews, Richborough Drive and Burton Road, from Oak Park Road to the Broadway.

Retail plan jobs boost

UP TO 500 jobs could be created when a £20m retail development is built on the site of an outdated office block in Dudley.

A supermarket and shop units are also planned. Developers hope a tram line will run outside the site under a £100m Centro project.

Falcon House in The Minories, which dates back to the 1960s, would be demolished as part of the project.

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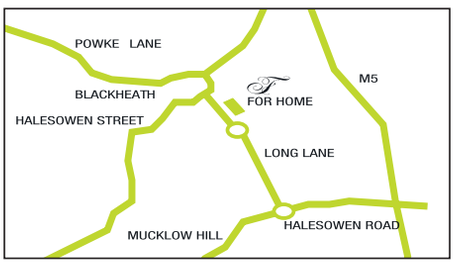

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Scrap dealers will have to provide fingerprints

SCRAP metal sellers in the West Midlands will be made to provide their fingerprints as part of a pilot project to tackle soaring metal thefts.

Dudley has become the first place in the country where scrap dealers have been provided with record books and ink pads. Signs are now being installed at scrapyards letting people know that if they want to sell metal they will be asked for their fingerprints.

The aim is to make it easier for police to trace anyone thought to be trading stolen metal. If the scheme, being run by West Midlands Police and Dudley's community safety partnership, Safe and Sound, is successful, it will be rolled out wider.

Metal thieves across the region have targeted schools, churches, war memorials and businesses, causing damage and loss running into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Sgt Chris Fox, who is leading the campaign against metal theft in Dudley, said: "I am really pleased we have been able to assist traders in the borough and help make it a difficult environment for those attempting to sell stolen scrap metal.

"We will continue to use a wide range of tactics, both overt and covert, as part of the operation to stamp out this crime which brings misery to all of the community.

"It sounds like a simple measure, however such information will prove hugely useful when investigating metal thefts in the area as the fingerprints will offer a significant line of inquiry if the stolen item is recovered."

Restaurant gets go-ahead

A BID to transform a former careers advice centre in Stourbridge into an Italian restaurant and takeaway has been given the go ahead despite objections from nearby businesses.

Council planners have approved proposals for the old Connexions base in High Street which shut in March last year.

But neighbouring shops had complained about the scheme saying there were already enough food outlets in the town centre.

Hotel opens at listed site

Mayor Anne Hingley, centre, with operations manager Amy Hanks, general manager Sarah Hall and Marilyn Monroe impersonator Suzie Kennedy at the hotel

A NEW £3.7 million hotel has opened at a grade-II listed former weaving mill in Kidderminster.

Premier Inn has created 26 jobs with the business at the historic Slingfield Mill building, which dates back to 1870.

Mayor of Kidderminster Councillor Anne Hingley was invited to cut the ribbon on the hotel and was given a tour of the building. She said: "I think it is marvellous. They have kept the features of the old Slingfield Mill in the rooms with the brickwork and arches. They have got a great range of rooms. I think it just what Kidderminster needs."

The hotel shares the five-storey site with Debenhams store in the town centre.

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Public backing plans for store at Cavendish site

SHOPPERS have given the thumbs-up to multi-million pound supermarket plans in Dudley town centre that will create up to 300 jobs – as bosses prepare to formally submit an application for the development.

A consultation has been held over proposals to transform eyesore Cavendish House office block into a superstore. And those who viewed the plans wholeheartedly approved of the idea, saying said the supermarket would be "ideally located" and a "major boost" to the town.

Under the plans, Cavendish House in Trindle Road, which has been empty since 2008, would be demolished and nearby land cleared.

Site owner Cavendish Quarter Properties Limited, a member of the Abstract Group of Companies, said an application for the development would be submitted soon.

At a consultation event at the Churchill Shopping Centre, the public were shown the latest artist's impressions for proposals, and invited to quiz developers and architects.

Barbara Round, a 59-year-old domestic cleaner from Banklands Road in Dudley and a grandmother-of-two, said a supermarket would be a boost for the town.

She said: "I think it's great because so many shops have been shutting down. I don't think there will be any issue with the Burnt Tree Tesco nearby because shoppers want choice. All we've got in Dudley at the moment is banks and charity shops so this would be a major boost."

In cider trading a winner

Manager Dawn O'Neill celebrates winning the Dudley Camra branch Cider Pub of the Year

A PUB has been named the best in Dudley and South Staffordshire for its range of cider. The Courthouse, which stocks 25 different ciders a month, was handed the award by real ale champions Camra. The pub, in New Road, Dudley, specialises in ale but has increased its range of ciders since winning the award for the first time in 2010.

Manager Dawn O'Neill, who runs the pub with husband Michael, said: "There has been a lot of demand for traditional ciders."

Cheaper energy call by MP

ENERGY companies should be forced to put over 75s on the cheapest possible tariff in order to cut their gas and electricity bills, says Dudley North MP Ian Austin. He says it would help reduce bills for around 90,000 Black Country pensioners. At present there are more than 400 different energy tariffs available to consumers, making the process of identifying the best deal difficult.

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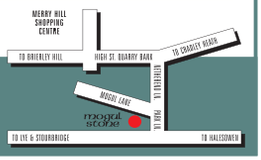

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£3.8m scheme will put down new road surface

ROADS around Wyre Forest will be resurfaced as part of a £3.8 million improvement scheme aimed at reducing the number of potholes in Worcestershire.

Around 350 routes will be repaired during the programme of surface dressing work announced by the county council. The work will get under way on April 14 and will continue until August.

Council chiefs have warned there will be some disruption while the work is carried out but efforts would be made to ensure it is kept to a minimum.

Councillor John Smith said: "This is the most extensive surface dressing programme we have ever undertaken and the investment shows we're as committed as ever to improving things for those using our roads.

"What surface dressing allows us to do is catch a road halfway through its lifespan and give it an extension.

"It's something that has been used successfully for a number of years and it offers great value for money as catching things at this stage removes the need for even more costlier work in the future.

"Obviously, as this work moves quickly around the county, there will be the potential for some disruption.

"But everything will be done to keep this to an absolute minimum and the great advantage of this type of improvement is the job gets done very quickly," he added.

Once work is completed drivers will need to drive with caution at 20mph over the surfaces for the first 24 hours. Treated roads are then swept.

Comedy getting nautical

A NAUTICAL musical comedy is to be performed at Netherton Arts Centre.

On April 14, Coward at Sea by Michael Lunts will take audiences aboard the SS Madeira and relive Noel Coward's P&O voyage home to Britain from the Far East in the 1930s. The show at the Northfield Road venue starts at 7.30pm. For tickets contact Claire Starmer-Jones on 01384 813943.

Chance to choose charity

Dudley Group of Hospitals charity fundraising co-ordinator Karen Phillips and Asda store manager Rob Emslie with Keith Rogers, from Sycamore Green Adventure, and Cancer Support Dudley centre manager Chris Barron

KINDHEARTED shoppers and staff at a supermarket in Dudley are raising money for charity.

Shoppers at Asda in High Street are being asked to nominate which of three good causes receives £100 in two months' time. Every customer will be given a token at the checkouts when they pay for their shopping and they will be able to allocate it to their preferred charity. The charity with the most tokens at the end of the time frame will be given £100. The good causes nominated are Sycamore Green Adventure, The Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity and Cancer Support Dudley based at The White House.

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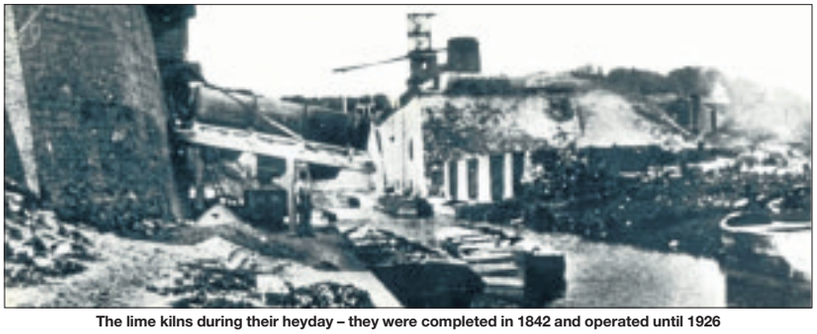
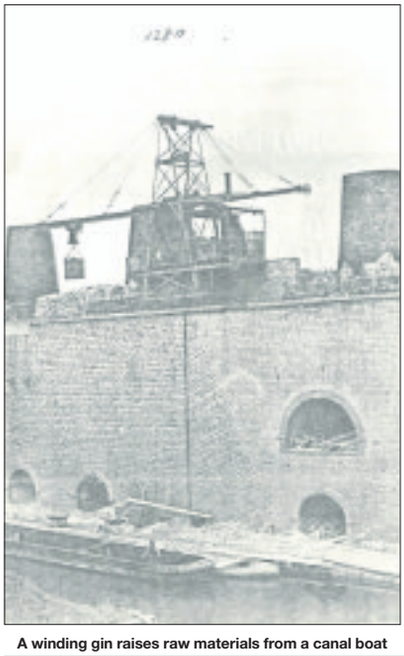


The lime kilns during their heyday – they were completed in 1842 and operated until 1926

The restored lime kiln arm of the canal at the Black Country Living Museum



A winding gin raises raw materials from a canal boat

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by Black Country Living Museum's Fiona Carding

Blink, however, and you may miss it.

Some of the region's most important monuments are hidden, seemingly invisible, within our everyday surroundings.

One such scheduled monument is the Lime Kilns at the Black Country Living Museum.

Completed in 1842, the kilns were in use until 1926, burning limestone quarried from beneath Dudley from nearby Castle Hill and Wren's Nest.

Mel Weatherley, museum head of learning, said: "Massive quantities of limestone was quarried during the Industrial Revolution, supplying the iron and steel industry with flux to separate the gangue from the molten ore.

"This left the ground laced with caverns, the most spectacular being Seven Sisters."

Impressive 28ft chimneys topped the shafts and kilns, belching out continuous plumes of smoke, adding to the plague of fumes which gave the Black Country its name.

The kilns were filled with alternate layers of limestone and coal.

Small wagons transported the raw materials around the top of the kilns and the shafts were loaded through doors in the base of the chimneys.

A winding gin stood on top of the kilns and raised the raw materials delivered by the canal boats in the basin below.

Mel said: "Quicklime and lime dust were dangerous to work with. Despite wearing gaiters for protection and cloth wrapped around their hands and faces, many lime burners sustained terrible injuries to their eyes and skin.

"In 1849 Lord Dudley built a hospital (which later became the Guest Hospital) for the care of lime workers blinded at his works.

The industrial might of the region was felt the world over. From ornate gates created for the Royal House of Sian to the construction of the Ibi-Gawa Bridge in Japan – the region's manufacturing industry made its mark.

Its success lay in its geological wealth and the mettle of its people.

So next time you take a stroll – keep your eyes peeled. The past surrounds you but it can slip by in an historical blink of the eye!

● Construction Skills: The Lime Cycle. The museum is holding a practical course giving an overview of the role played by lime in the industrial heritage of the Black Country on May 26 and 27 and June 16 and 17. Visit BCLM.com for more details.

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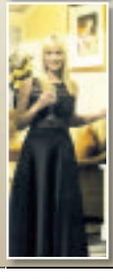
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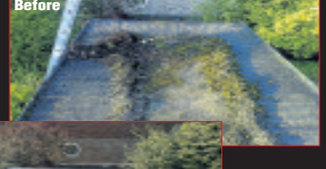
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Technology college opened

Edgecliffe High School Association chairman Charles Lowe, headteacher Chris Rogers and MP Gavin Williamson at the opening of a new technology block

THE RIBBON has been cut on a new £750,000 design and technology block at a school in Kinver.

MP Gavin Williamson was given the honour of officially opening the new classrooms at Edgecliffe High School.

Students at the site, which is a specialist technology college, are able to use the latest equipment, including laser and vinyl cutting machines and 3D-software to create their designs.

The building has four new rooms including a dedicated sixth form area. Students and staff gathered to celebrate the opening of the block, which was completed late last year.

Technology teacher Graham Spiers said: "We've got both traditional equipment and cutting edge equipment to help students give their products a real professional finish."

The school in Enville Road, which has 650 students aged 11 to 18, was awarded specialist technology college status in September 2007.

As well as design and technology facilities, there is a high-specification computer for every five students.

Classrooms now have a networked computer with data projector and interactive whiteboard.

Animals are booking into libraries

ANIMAL loving families can learn about their favourite creatures during a series of activities across the Dudley borough.

To celebrate National Pet Month, libraries will host the events during the Easter holidays.

Families can meet the "Animal Lady" who will be joined by a meerkat and other animals when she tours libraries on April 10. Her first stop of the day will be at Kingswinford Library from 10am to 11am, followed by Brierley Hill from 11.30am to noon and Dudley Library from 2pm to 3pm.

Children will be also able to learn about Blue Cross Animal Rescue Centres when they stop by on April 10 at Long Lane Library from 11am to noon and Lye Library from 2.30 to 3.30pm, then on April 11 at Coseley Library from 11am to noon and Sedgley Library from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

Dudley Zoo will then present its popular creature feature at Stourbridge Library on April 13 from 11am to noon. Andrea Pope-Smith, director of adult, community and housing, services, said: "It's great to see there is plenty going on in libraries."

Waterfalls to be part of £1m park works

FLOWING waterfalls and cascades will be recreated in an 18th century parkland near Stourbridge after bosses announced funding had been secured for the work as part of plans to reopen the grounds to visitors.

The water features in the grounds of Hagley Hall, near Stourbridge, are being transformed after a deal, thought to be worth at least £1 million, was struck for the restoration works.

Lord Cobham, owner of the Hagley estate, will be sharing the costs of the project with conservation group Natural England as part of a three-year development scheme. This includes building a visitor centre and car park in a bid to reopen the Grade I-listed parkland.

Christopher Charles Lyttelton, the 12th Viscount Cobham, hopes to attract up to 70,000 people a year to the park.

Safeguard

Income generated from visitor numbers could safeguard the future of the hall and its 350-acre parkland.

"I'm pleased to say we have got the funding in place to go ahead with restoring the cascades," he said.

"It has always been my dream to bring the park back to life. The park is terribly important for the area."

Lord Cobham said a tender for the works had already gone out. Work will focus on creating new drainage for the cascades and reshaping trees and scrubs which have not been properly maintained for decades.

The cascades are a series of waterfalls running down to the Palladian bridge near St John's Church in the grounds of the hall.

But the stream needs to be cleared and better drainage created to allow the water to run through smoothly.

The cascades represent the next in a series of projects to restore features throughout the parkland

Natural England worked with the estate on the Wychbury Obelisk in 2010.

SVR enjoys its busiest opening in four years

A SURGE in passenger numbers has seen the Severn Valley Railway enjoy its busiest opening to the season for four years, bosses revealed.

The steam heritage line, which runs from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth, saw a 62 per cent increase in visitor figures at its three-day Spring Steam Gala with almost 4,200 paying passengers visiting the attraction.

The line also recorded a record number of advance bookings – more than 3,600 – for its two "Day Out With Thomas" events, which ran last weekend and are on again during the weekend of April 14 and 15.

Such is the interest the SVR is preparing to put on its busiest timetable for the forthcoming Easter bank holiday weekend. Trains will run on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday.

SVR visitor services manager David Mee said: "We've arrived at the end of March some way ahead of the passenger numbers we had budgeted for, so we have to be happy about the way we've begun the year."

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Trial scheme could see driving tests reinstated

DRIVING tests could return to Kidderminster three years after a centre was controversially closed, a Government minister has revealed.

Roads Minister Mike Penning said a trial scheme to hold tests from council buildings, hotels and leisure centres could be extended to the town. Suitable test routes and locations for bases will be looked at.

More than 1,700 people signed a petition to retain a centre in the Wyre Forest district after the Driving Standards Agency said Kidderminster's building in Castle Road needed costly repairs and did not suit modern day needs.

But it shut anyway in 2009 and learners have since had to use the facility in Lower Gornal instead.

Mr Penning said Kidderminster, Droitwich and Bromsgrove were now being considered to take part in the trial in Worcestershire, with a view to it becoming permanent. He said the Driving Standards Agency would look at suitable routes and locations in the towns.

Wyre Forest district councillor Julian Phillips said: "This is a welcome announcement for not just me, but all those driving instructors, learner drivers and the rest of the community who backed our campaign in 2008 and 2009. All our efforts were not in vain."

Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier added: "I have been lobbying the minister since the election to restore testing in Wyre Forest."

Titan profits show rise

STEEL wheel maker Titan Europe saw its trading profit improve by £19 million last year to a record £33m.

The Kidderminster company revealed a 38.7 per cent growth in revenue in 2011 to a record £492.5m.

Titan, which employs nearly 400 at its Cookley works saw significant growth in all its markets including 69.4 per cent in mining.

Ruby hopes to be a gem

Ruby Bowater, 17, of Netherton, who will be flying the flag for the region

A DUDLEY teenager is heading stateside to compete again American youngsters for the title of Perfect Teen.

Ruby Bowater of Netherton will be flying the flag in the US for the Black Country and Europe packed off by well-wishers including the Mayor of Dudley. Charity fundraiser Ruby, aged 17, won the title of Europe's Perfect Teen last October.

Part of her prize means the Halesowen College student gets to jet to Florida to take part in US leg of the competition.

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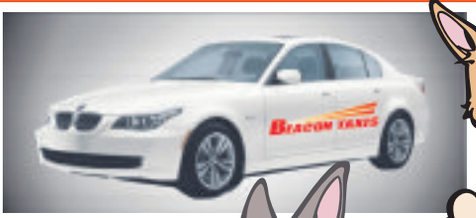

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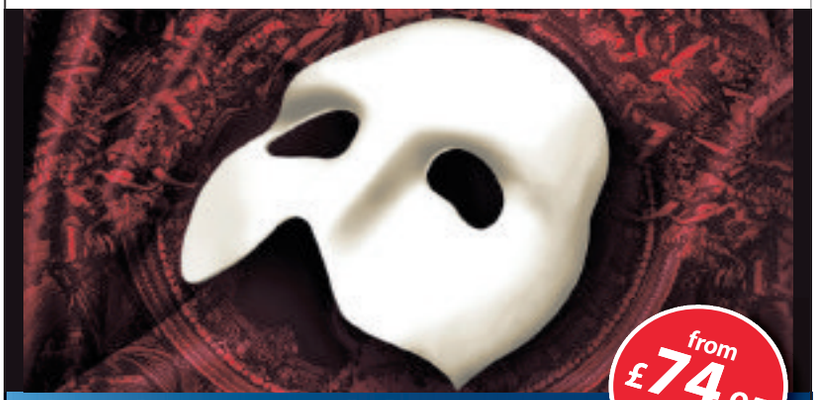

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Floral gift for retiring chairman

KINGSWINFORD TOWNSWOMEN

THE March meeting began in solemn mood as chairman Chris Moy asked for a minutes silence in memory of former member Josie Cartwright who had recently died.

On a happier note, flowers were presented to Kath Turner and Bessie Waters on the occasions of golden wedding anniversary and a special birthday respectively.

Members were asked to sign the petition concerning access to quality care provision for all elderly, vulnerable and infirm patients at home or in hospital.

The change in date of the federation quiz was announced and a team formed.

The annual general meeting was conducted alongside that normal business.

Treasurer Margaret Farmer said the club was in a stable position. Josie Smith thanked the retiring committee. Retiring chairman Chris Moy was presented with a floral gift in recognition of all her efforts.

There was a welcome return for speaker Sue Clegg, recounting her experiences of a visit to Hong Kong before it was returned to China. She was thanked by Kath Turner.

Kath had also provided flowers which were donated as a raffle prize. The raffle was won by Dot Pearsall, Brenda Adkin, Doreen Comley and Barbara White.

The next main meeting will be on May 14.

School's hat-trick as Tom wins prize

Winner Tom Cadwallader with Soroptimist International Midland Arden Region President Ruth Longville. Picture by Seven Star Photography

KIDDERMINSTER & DISTRICT SOROPTIMISTS

TOM Cadwallader, from King Charles I High School in Kidderminster, won the Soroptimist International Midland Arden regional 10th public speaking Competition.

He beat 14 other contestants from Midlands schools, speaking on the topic 'Do We Have a Fair Taxation System?'

His prize was £150 with a trophy to be displayed at King Charles I School for a year.

Tom is the third student from King Charles I High School to have won the competition.

The competition is open to students aged 14-18 years who are sponsored by other Soroptimist Clubs in a wide area of the Midlands.

For more information about the activities of Kidderminster Soroptimists email on **kidderminstersorop@gmail.com** or look at the website link at **www.sigbi.org**

Tombola donations sought

WOLLASTON "E" TWG

CHAIRMAN Jean Latham welcomed 45 members to the March meeting which incorporated the AGM.

In her yearly report, the treasurer explained that the increase in subscriptions was mainly due to the rise in the hire of venues and fees for speakers.

It was agreed that speakers had been good and the various outings enjoyed.

The annual dinner venue is Blakelands on May 15 at a cost of £20. The lunch club enjoyed a visit to the College of Food, Birmingham.

Tombola prizes for the opening evening are required. Members are asked to bring these to the meeting on April 10.

There followed a quiz,. won by the Shirley Horne team. Jean Millward's team took the booby prize. The raffle was won by Sue Ward and June Pardoe.

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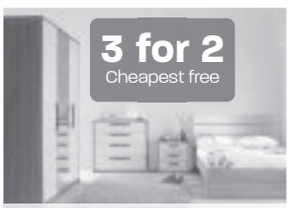

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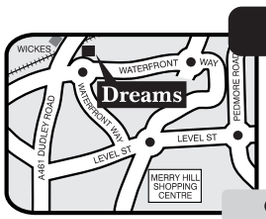

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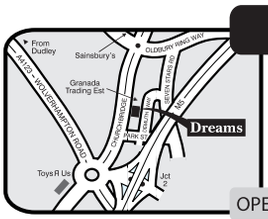

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This is a bad budget for the pensioners who worked hard

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter

ONLY David Cameron's out-of-touch Tories could think pensioners should fund a tax cut for millionaires.

But that's what the budget means. It is always a big parliamentary occasion. But I'm always more interested in what it means for people in Dudley.

Make no mistake: this is a bad budget for local people – especially if you're over 65 or work and have a young family. The Chancellor will have great difficulty justifying the choices he has made.

I invited him up to Dudley to explain his decisions to the pensioners and ordinary families who are bearing the brunt of unfair Tory tax policies.

Safe to say, I think he's unlikely to take me up on my offer any time soon.

Take the freeze in personal allowance for pensioners. It will mean 4.5million OAPs who pay income tax will lose an average of £75 per year next April.

People who turn 65 next year will lose out by £314

Likewise a family with children earning £20,000 will lose £253. This is on top of the VAT rise which is costing them an average of £450 per year. At the same time, the richest one per cent – anyone earning £150,000 a year – is getting a tax cut of an average of £10,000.

Bankers earning a million a year or more will get a tax cut of more than £40,000 every year. I want to see taxes come down for everyone, but how can it be the right time to cut taxes for the wealthiest people in Britain when people who have worked hard all their lives and played by the rules are getting punished?

The money they have spent on giving a tax cut to the super rich could have been better used.

PENSIONERS

I'll be spending this week in Dudley campaigning for action to support hard working families. The rising cost of living is one of the number one issues raised with me at surgeries and on the doorstep.

Decent people are getting poorer and the Government's unfair policies – tax rises for pensioners and tax cuts for millionaires are making things worse.

One of the biggest strains on household budgets at the moment is the soaring cost of gas and electricity.

With four out of five people over-paying on their bills it's time we simplified the tariffs. That's why Labour will force energy companies to automatically put over 75s on the cheapest possible tariff.

This simple policy would put an extra £200 in the pockets of 90,000 Black Country pensioners.

TOM HICKMAN

I popped over to meet Tom Hickman and his mum in Woodsetton on Friday. Like lots of 17 year-olds, he's working hard at his A Levels and hoping to go to University next year.

What singles him out is he's a World Champion. But because karate is not an Olympic Sport he struggles to get the funding he needs to compete.

In order to fund his trip to the World Championships in Malaysia last year – from where he returned with a gold medal – he had to wash cars, do sponsored runs and raise money through jumble sales.

The problem is because karate is not an Olympic sport, UK Sport and Sport England say they cannot offer him funding. Tom and his Mum have been forced to look for private sponsors.

If you can help Tom or know anybody who can, please get in touch. I'll be writing to local businesses asking them for help and I've written to the Minister for Sport asking for his backing.

Tom's at the very top of his sport. Given what he's already achieved, everyone in Dudley should know his name.

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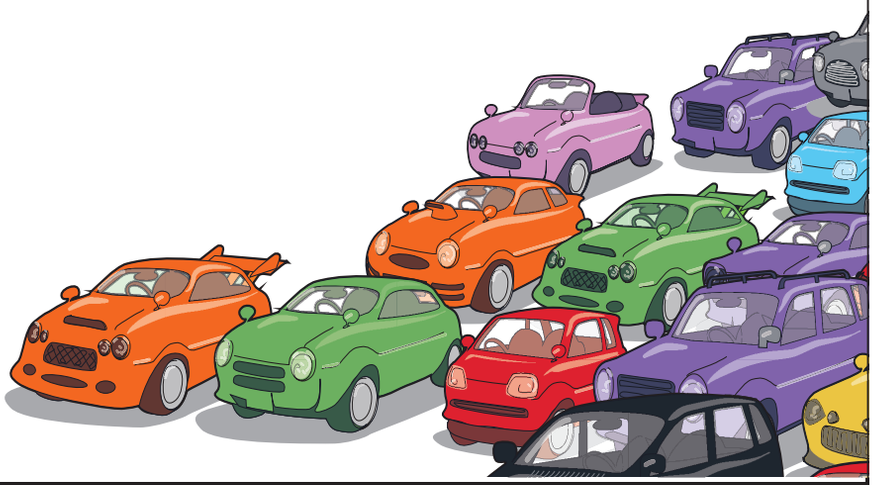

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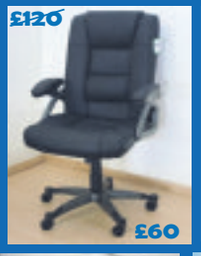
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Time to brush up on home maintenance

WHEN the summer arrives its time to do some very important maintenance checks around your property.

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It is so much simpler to keep things well maintained than to be in a position where you are constantly repairing.

The emphasis is on painting and decorating in the summer, but other jobs like replacing guttering, damaged through the bad months, or patching render and brickwork joints are best carried out in warmer conditions.

GUTTERING

If the guttering needs any replacements or cleaning this should be done first to stop dirt and debris falling onto other areas you have just decorated,

When removing rotten cast iron gutters you will need help since the lengths are heavy and it is not safe just to let it break apart and drop to the ground. Scrape facia downpipes with care and wear eye protection. When the old gutter is cleaned away, replace, repair and paint any fascia boards and soffits.

DECORATING WALLS AND WOODWORK

Take care when working on ladders and access equipment. Make sure all step ladders are fully opened. Never lean stepladders against the wall to work from. Do not work alone on a high ladder.

Start cleaning walls and windows from the top. Preparation is the key to good decorating of any kind and it is false economy to paint over old surfaces without proper preparation. The paint will peel and crack in no time. A coat of masonry paint will not fill cracked render or cover mould growth.

To clean render effectively, a clean wall downpower washer can be used with fungicidal wash, removing any mould growth. Make good any cracks or holes and remove any loose material.

Walls must be sound before painting. Tap the walls as you go listening for any 'hollow' sounds as this means that the render has come unstuck from the masonry and should be replaced.

The major problem with cracked or 'blown' render is that water will get in behind it and cause damage and damp problems so be vigilant. Remove as much debris as possible with a wire brush then apply stabilising solution to allow a good key for the masonry paint.

On already textured walls, smooth masonry paint should be used but if you want to apply a texture, then textured masonry paint can be used. Both usually have a 10-year guarantee if painted on to a properly-prepared surface. Do not paint when the sun is hot, the paint dries quickly and the edges will show when you stop.

DECORATING TIMBER

Painted timber should be washed down first to remove dirt. If the paint is still keying well there is no need to remove it but it should be rubbed down with a fairly fine grade sandpaper to remove a little of the shine. If the paint is not perfect, it is best to get back to a sound surface and start again. This can be done by using a paint stripper or a heat gun.

After sanding down or stripping, the surface should be wiped over with white spirit. Make good any defects using a heat gun filler and where any rot is present it should be cut away. The remaining wood should be treated with wood preserver and the gaps and holes filled with external wood filler. If you have had to strip back to the wood you will need to prime the timber surface.

The primer should be followed by an undercoat, then a top coat. Varnishing timber after sanding should be done as soon as possible to protect the timber.

CRUMBLING BRICKWORK.

If the winter's freezing weather has caused the surface of the exposed brickwork to crumble and become unable to resist the ingress of moisture, it is important to seal them. Make good any defective pointing and seal.

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The key factor when looking to invest in your home is to benchmark your property against the neighbourhood. The area will have a maximum price per house type and so while a paddling pool or hot tub might be your dream indulgence, apart from costing thousands this could even have a negative effect on your house price especially as some people might see them as a safety risk.

But a nice bathroom always impresses. As does an en suite for the master bedroom if you have the capacity, and a downstairs loo is also a great asset if you have a big family and/or lots of visitors. If the plumbing is favourable, you can very easily transform a cloakroom into a washroom too.

Accessories

You may be tempted to follow the latest trends in terms of bright colours and whacky accessories but if you think you may be looking to move in the foreseeable future, this could have a negative effect on your property value if you live in an older property.

Likewise, a rustic cottage feel will look slightly weird in a modern urban apartment – however much you might miss the country. It is all about having an 'appropriate' interior for the age and style of building.

In terms of styles, it is generally best to go for a 'classic' look that will not date easily and will win general approval from most people. There is the safe neutral environment or the 'shabby chic' style that many period homes suit.

But the fairly conservative approach, in terms of letting the property determine the overall style, does not mean that you can't personalise your bathroom.

Design your bathroom to suit your needs and the shape of the room

Here are five top tips to avoid having a negative effect on property prices while enjoying the lifestyle benefits of a makeover on whatever scale:

1. Don't install poor quality fixtures and fittings – they will look cheap and will not withstand the rigours of family life; and will need replacing again in no time

2. Ensure that the bathroom is well lit. Maximise natural light

3. Keep colours light. 99% of bathroom suites are now white, but the effect can still be ruined by dark paint. Black might impress your teenage son, but it won't wash with an estate agent

4. Accessorise! Towels, plants, pictures - there is a plethora of exciting options that mean you can really personalise your bathroom but without costing a fortune and without impacting on property value

5. If you are converting a loft or extending, make sure you have checked out the situation regarding planning permission and Building Regulations. Visit www.planningportal.gov.uk for more detail – you do not want to get this wrong

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Seal-Tight Plastics & Roofing are a Kingswinford based company that have been providing quality pitched roof conversions for 10 years.

The company has transformed the appearance of numerous flat roof homes across the borough and their reputation is so good that over 80% of their business comes from customer recommendations. The company is owned by Chris Evans who started the company 10 years ago after customers from his other business, Professional Plastics, asked if he offered a conversion service. Mr Evans says: "It started because of demand. I knew I was surrounded by a good team of skilled professionals who would be able to do a good job, so Seal-Tight Plastics & Roofing was formed."

"Flat roof conversions can be beneficial in many ways" added Mr Evans. "Flat roofs cause problems with water retention and aesthetically they don't look good. Once the conversion is done it takes much less maintenance than a flat roof. Tiled pitched roofs also help to give homes character."

Mr Evans and his staff pride themselves on a quality, reliable and friendly service which also includes an extensive follow up package. "Customers can call us for quotes with no obligation to buy" says Mr Evans. "I do all the quotes myself so customers know they are getting the same service as the person who recommended them. I also check all the jobs once they are finished. We take no money up front, I work on the basis that I trust them so they can trust me, if they have any problems we will sort them out."

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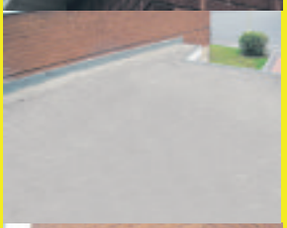
Seal-Tight Plastics & Roofing, based in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, currently has two professional teams carrying out all their work. Mr Evans other business, Professional Plastics, was set up in 1990 and offers a specialist service in fascias, soffits and guttering. They also offer flat roof felting, reboarding and new builds with a 10 year guarantee.



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The intricately detailed 1:24 scale model of Hogwarts Castle used in the first film Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It was built by a team of 86. As 'night' falls it is lit up by 300 fibre optic lights

The unforgettable Great Hall, scene of 'the sorting', feasts and a duel or two, and the first port of call on The Making of Harry Potter tour

THE MAKING of Harry Potter tour at the Warner Brothers' movie studios in north London takes visitors behind-the-scenes to see the actual sets, costumes and props used in the eight movies about the boy wizard.

This is not a theme park, despite the hefty £83 price tag on a family ticket, but is a day out that dedicated Potter fans will remember at what is in effect a museum of Harry Potter artifacts.

On the site of a former Rolls-Royce aircraft engine factory near Watford, in two massive sound stages co-incidently named J and K in an accidental homage to author JK Rowling, is the world's greatest collection of Potter memorabilia. This ranges from the iconic sets for Hogwarts Castle's Great Hall and the bizarre shops of Diagon Alley, to countless snitches, goblets, swords and paintings that seem crammed into every corner of these super-sized warehouses.

Pre-booked

The tour is already proving phenomenally popular. Tickets must be pre-booked online at the website www.wbstudiotour.co.uk or via the approved tour operators. Visitors are then given a specific tour time. Each party will be limited to 100 so fans get to see the displays close up.

The prices, £28 for adults and £21 for children (five to 15), have not put off the fans with April already set to be a sell-out with up to 5,000 visitors per day. The walking tour, mostly self-guided, takes three to four hours.

After introduction films, the screen lifts to reveal the huge gothic doors to the impressive Great Hall. Inside visitors can see grafitti carved by the Hogwarts 'pupils' on the huge wooden tables, character costumes and the house points bead system which is said to have caused a bead shortage when installed in the year 2000.

Visitors can walk through the real Diagon Alley film set on the Harry Potter tour at Warner Bros studio

Beyond the hall, visitors can peer inside Hagrid's Hut, the Weasley's kitchen complete with magic appliances, Dumbledore's office, the Gryffindor common room and boys' dormitory, including Harry's suprisingly tiny bed – apparently, as the actors grew older they were filmed so we couldn't see their feet hanging over the ends – and Professor Snape's potions classroom.

Everywhere the Potter fanatics can make gleeful discoveries, such as the Mirror of Erised, Goblet of Fire, the Philosopher's Stone and horcruxes which contained evil Voldemort's soul.

This area also shows how green screen technology made it appear Harry and co could ride their broomsticks and – here's the really great thing – you get to have a go and see yourself on screen soaring over Hogwarts and Tower Bridge. Unique souvenir photos are available, from £12 for one to £20 for the full set of four.

The most monumental displays are from the Ministry of Magic, including the massive Soviet-style 'Magic is Might' statue and the London Underground-like architecture from the ministry, plus Professor Umbridge's pink and gilt confection of an office.

Between the sound stages is the back lot where Privet Drive can be visited with the triple decker Knight Bus parked nearby beside Hagrid's motorbike and sidecar and the famous flying Ford Anglia. You can view the only section of the Hogwarts Bridge whilst sipping a sickly sweet Butterbeer.

In the next building an onscreen Warwick Davis shows how the special effects experts brought the fantastic beasts and monsters of the films to life in The Creature Shop, where Aragog the giant spider lurks beside werewolves, elves, goblins and an interactive Buckbeak the Hippogriff. Then its on to the atmospheric Diagon Alley and through the art department to a magnificent scale model of Hogwarts Castle built for the first film, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

The gift shop, where souvenirs range from £3.95 for a lollipop to £495.95 for a replica set of Professor Dumbledore's robes, is massive.

Warner Bros Studio Tour London is at Leavesden near Junction 20 of the M25, easy to reach from the West Midlands via the M40, A41 and M1. There is free parking. There is a shuttle bus from Watford Junction rail station.

Leon Burakowski

Weird and wonderful discoveries in the Creature Shop where Harry Potter fans can learn how elves, goblins, dragons, werewolves and other beings were brought to life via models, motors, masks and make-up

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BBC1, 9.10pm

Connie Fisher is back on the box, pushing her abilities once again by taking a guest role in the latest edition of the Beeb's flagship medical drama. She plays Amanda, a dog-walker who's out with her friend David and their pooches. Everything seems normal — until the ground under their feet gives way, and they're trapped in an underground cave system. Sam is first on the scene, but seeing as she suffers from a fear of the dark, she probably isn't the best person to handle the situation. The problem is, when Dylan arrives, they end up bickering. Fingers crossed they can put their differences to one side long enough to get poor David and Amanda out of the hole they're in – literally.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Rowing: The Boat Race. Cambridge v Oxford (Start-time 2.15pm). **3.05** Golf: The Masters. **4.20** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Film: Shrek. (2001) Animated adventure, with the voice of Mike Myers.

7.00 The Voice UK. Tom Jones, Jessie J, Will.i.am and Danny O'Donoghue turn their backs to another set of hopeful singers, only facing them if they hear something they like.
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Myleene Klass.
9.10 Casualty. Sam and Dylan put aside their differences to save two dog walkers who fell into an underground cave system, and Linda's niece causes trouble in the ED.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Chelsea v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update.
11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.20 Weatherview. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.30** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Film: Road to Rio. (1947) Comedy, starring Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. **2.00** Film: Bringing Up Baby. (1938) Screwball comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. **3.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.05** Flog It! **5.05** Easter from King's 2012 – Passiontide to Easter.

6.20 Dad's Army. Walmington-on-Sea's platoon assumes responsibility for some heavy artillery. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)
6.50 Natural World. Insight into the origins of the iceberg that sank the Titanic in 1912, charting its formation and 4,000-mile journey from the Greenland ice sheet. (R)
7.40 Timewatch. Documentary exploring people's enduring fascination with the Titanic, uncovering the truth behind the myths that have emerged since the vessel sank in 1912. (R)
8.30 Golf: The Masters Live. Hazel Irvine introduces the third round at the Augusta National in Georgia, where the players look to make a move ahead of the final day of the opening Major of the year. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 The Sarah Millican Television Programme. (R) **12.30** Film: Repo Chick. (2009) Premiere. Comedy sequel, starring Jaclyn Jonet. **1.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.55** Film: The Secret of My Success. (1987) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. **3.55** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971) Musical fantasy, based on Roald Dahl's classic children's book, with Gene Wilder. **5.45** Regional News ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 Keith Lemon's LemonAid. New series. The comedy character tries to fulfil people's dreams.
7.00 All New You've Been Framed! Unlikely insurance claims.
7.30 Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp 24. Classic send-ups from Burps past.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. More acts show off their stuff in the third round of auditions, hosted by Ant and Dec.
9.15 Take Me Out. A sewage worker, a student, a groundsman and a model try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness hosts. Last in the series.
10.45 ITV News; Weather.
11.00 FILM: Magicians. (2007) Comedy, starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** MSA British Rallycross Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Koko Pop. **9.25** T4: Olly Murs: The Album Chart Show Special. (R) **9.55** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.55** T4: Charlie's Angels. **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Andy Wright hosts the final dinner party in Bristol. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.10 4thought.tv.
7.15 Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds.
8.10 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. Irish travellers the McFadyens celebrate a series of major events, including patriarch Chris's release from prison and an emotional wedding. Last in the series. (R)
9.10 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.
10.45 FILM: Showgirls. (1995) Adult drama, starring Elizabeth Berkley.

1.20 Film: A Scanner Darkly. (2006) Animated drama, starring Keanu Reeves. **3.00** The Moonbird. (R) **3.15** A Family Portrait. (R) **3.25** Franklin & Bash. **4.05** Privileged. (R) **4.50** 90210. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** Holiday Heaven on Earth. (R) **11.15** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **1.15** Rory McGrath's Pub Dig. (R) **2.20** Film: Ambush at Tomahawk Gap. (1953) Western, starring John Hodiak. **3.45** Film: War Arrow. (1953) Western, starring Jeff Chandler. **5.20** Film: Two Mules for Sister Sara. (1970) Western, starring Clint Eastwood and Shirley MacLaine.

7.10 5 News Weekend.
7.15 NCIS. The team flies to Israel for a final showdown. (R)
8.05 NCIS. Part two of two. The safe house is attacked, leaving Vance in hospital and Eli missing, but with all the Palestinians accounted for it is unclear who was responsible. (R)
9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. An investigation into three unexplained deaths presents a tough challenge for the team – and leads to fears that a public health emergency may be imminent. (R)
10.00 CSI: NY. The team investigates the murder of a real-estate broker.
10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler investigate a serial rapist.
11.50 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.55** Great Scientists. (R) **4.45** Rough Guide to Adventures. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.15 American Idol **6.05** Film: The Borrowers (1997) **8.00** The Zoo **9.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.45** Take Me Out – The Gossip **11.45** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
3.40 Film: Carry On Jack (1963) **5.35** Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **7.25** Film: Carry On Henry (1971) **9.15** Film: Carry On Cleo (1964) **11.05** Film: Carry On Jack (1963)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Delhi Daredevils and Deccan Chargers v Chennai Super Kings. **8.00** Rookie Builders **9.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **10.30** Film: Ticker (2001)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.50** Great Movie Mistakes 2011: NOT IN 3D **8.10** Shrek: Once Upon A Time **9.10** Film: Shrek 2 (2004) **10.35** World Series of Dating **11.00** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Still Ringing After All These Years: A Short History of Bells **8.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse

E4
3.55 Made in Chelsea **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** The Big Bang Theory: It All Started with a Bang **8.00** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Film: Date Movie (2006) **10.40** The Big Bang Theory **11.35** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
3.25 Five Children and It (2004) **5.10** New in Town (2009) **7.00** St Trinian's (2007) **9.00** Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004) **10.50** Kaboom (2010)

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ITV1, 7.30pm

Des O'Connor has now spent half a century in showbusiness, suffering a few lows, namely at Glasgow Empire on a Friday night after a few weeks in the business, and many dizzy highs, including his own ITV1 shows. At 80, Des could be taking things easier, but he's still entertaining the masses, namely in this show paying tribute to the singer, presenter and all-round entertainer. Comedians Matt Lucas, Rhod Gilbert and Paul O'Grady will all be worshipping at the O'Connor altar, along with Katherine Kelly, actor Robert Lindsay and presenter Melanie Sykes.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Easter Day Eucharist from Coventry Cathedral. Live service led by the Bishop of Coventry. **11.00** Urbi et Orbi. Live coverage of the Pope's Easter message. **11.35** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** Regional Programmes. **1.35** BBC News. **1.45** Human Planet. (R) **2.45** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R) **3.10** Film: Mary Poppins. (1964) Disney musical fantasy, with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. **5.25** Songs of Praise.

6.00 Titanic with Len Goodman. A visit to the Belfast building where the ship was designed. (R)
6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker marks the 200th anniversary of the Monmouth and Brecon canal.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team return to Wimbledon.
9.00 Silent Witness. Part one of two. Nikki stumbles upon a sinister underworld of sex grooming and teenage prostitution.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including action from Arsenal v Manchester City.
11.25 MotoGP. Action from the Qatar Grand Prix.

12.55 Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: The Diamond Queen. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** A History of Ancient Britain Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.35** Great British Menu. (R) **12.35** Film: A Distant Trumpet. (1964) Western, starring Troy Donahue. **2.30** Cycling: World Championships. Highlights from the Hisense Arena in Melbourne. **5.00** The Many Faces of Dame Judi Dench. Charting the actress's rise to fame. (R)

6.00 Frozen Planet. Highlights of the series in which David Attenborough takes viewers on a journey through the polar year, from the depths of winter to the melting world of the summer. (R)
7.00 Golf: The Masters Live. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the fourth and final day at the Augusta National in Georgia, where the winner of the first Major of the year is set to be decided. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 Twenty Twelve. Conclusion. The Algerians issue the team with a deadline to find a solution to their demand – and the French threaten to pull out of the Games. Comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville. (R) **12.30** Film: Deadline. (2009) Premiere. A writer retreats to a remote house after a breakdown, only to discover a secret that threatens to change her life for ever. Horror, with Brittany Murphy and Thora Birch. **1.50** BBC News. **3.00** The Super League Show. Tanya Arnold introduces highlights of the latest Super League matches, including St Helens v Wigan Warriors, Hull FC v Hull Kingston Rovers and Warrington Wolves v Widnes Vikings. **4.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Matt Cardle: Into the Light. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **1.50** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.45** This Is Lionel Richie. (R) **3.45** Film: The Mummy. (1999)

6.00 Regional News; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. New series. Reality TV star Mark Wright and Loose Women's Jane McDonald take part.
7.30 The One & Only Des O'Connor. Marking his 80th birthday and 50 years in showbusiness, the entertainer is joined by guests including Matt Lucas, Paul O'Grady and Olly Murs for chat, surprises and performances.
9.00 Titanic. New waiter Paolo is instantly smitten with cabin steward Annie, Barnes finds Watson loitering in steerage and Jim is furious when wife Mary lets her guard down with Peter Lubov.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Sergeant on Spike. John Sergeant presents a profile of Spike Milligan.
11.15 The Cube. A woman puts her knowledge of the games to the test. (R)

12.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** River Monsters. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.35** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Hannah Cockroft – Part Two. (R) **7.40** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Dr Dolittle. (1998) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **4.05** Time Team. (R) **5.10** Channel 4 News. **5.15** 4thought.tv. **5.20** Come Dine with Me. Four hosts compete for the £1,000 prize in east Lancashire. (R)

6.20 FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel. (2009) Premiere. Comedy, starring Zachary Levi and Jason Lee.
8.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. New series. Jimmy Carr takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of mystery boxes to win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity. Hosted by Noel Edmonds.
9.00 Homeland. Carrie and Saul learn that Walker is alive.
10.00 Crucifixion. Gunther von Hagens' project to create a crucifix.
11.20 FILM: Lake Placid. (1999) Comedy horror, starring Bill Pullman.

1.00 Film: 21 Grams. (2003) Drama, starring Sean Penn. **3.00** The Lobster Club. (R) **3.05** Crash, Bang, Wallow. (R) **3.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.15** City of Friends. (R) **6.25** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.40** Igam Ogam. (R) **6.50** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Thomas & Friends Special: Day of the Diesels. (R) **8.15** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens. **12.05** London: The Inside Story. (R) **1.05** Film: Lawrence of Arabia. (1962) Oscar-winning epic drama directed by David Lean, starring Peter O'Toole. **5.15** 5 News Weekend. **5.20** Film: Toy Story. (1995) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen.

7.00 William and Kate: One Year On. The royal couple's first year of marriage.
8.00 Once Upon a Time. Regina steps up her efforts to get Emma out of town; 5 News Update.
9.00 FILM: Blade II. (2002) Guillermo del Toro's action thriller sequel, starring Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson.
11.00 FILM: The Hard Corps. (2006) Action adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

1.10 SuperCasino. **3.55** UEFA Europa League Football. **4.50** Rough Guide to Short Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
2.10 Film: Happy Feet (2006) **4.15** Britain's Got Talent **5.30** Britain's Got More Talent **6.30** Film: Jurassic Park (1993) **9.00** Benidorm. Joyce tries to impress the hotel inspector. Last in the series. **10.00** Film: Gladiator (2000)

ITV3
2.30 Film: The Best of Benny Hill (1974) **4.15** Film: Carry On Cleo (1964) **6.05** Film: Carry On Matron (1972) **8.00** Film: Holiday On the Buses (1973) **9.50** Film: The Magnificent Two. (1967) Morecambe and Wise comedy. **11.45** Film: Doctor Zhivago (1965)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Rajasthan Royals v Kolkata Knight Riders and Pune Warriors v Kings XI Punjab. **8.00** Minder. Arthur and Terry pursue a devious crook. **9.00** Film: Highlander. (1986) Fantasy adventure, starring Christopher Lambert. **11.20** Film: Death Wish 2 (1981)

BBC THREE
7.00 The Voice UK **8.20** Film: Shrek the Third (2007) **9.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.30** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Ray Mears Goes Walkabout **9.00** Film: Strictly Ballroom. (1992) Australian dance comedy, starring Paul Mercurio. **10.30** Passion in Port Talbot: It Has Begun **11.30** Angelic Voices: The Choristers of Salisbury Cathedral

E4
2.25 Film: See Spot Run (2001) **4.10** Ugly Betty **6.00** 90210 **6.55** Film: Footloose (1984) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
3.05 James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.40** Big (1988) **6.35** Hairspray (2007) Musical comedy, starring Nikki Blonsky and John Travolta. **9.00** Coming to America. (1988) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.20** Dawn of the Dead (2004)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** Animal 24:7. **9.45** Homes Under the Hammer. **10.45** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.30** Cash in the Attic. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Regional News; Weather. **1.25** Film: Antz. (1998) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **2.40** Film: Flushed Away. (2006) Animated adventure. **4.00** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.15** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.30** Titanic with Len Goodman. **7.00** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** A Question of Sport. **9.00** Silent Witness. **10.00** BBC News. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.20** Match of the Day. **11.35** The Football League Show. **12.50** Weatherview. **12.55** Sign Zone: The Diamond Queen. (R) **1.55** To Boldly Go – Down. (R) **2.55** Britain's First Photo Album. (R) **3.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Film: Funny Girl. (1968) Musical biopic of Fanny Brice, starring Barbra Streisand. **1.50** Film: The Way We Were. (1973) Romantic drama, starring Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand. **3.45** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey. **8.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. **9.00** Modern Spies. **10.00** Simon Amstell: Do Nothing Live. **11.00** The Story of Slapstick. (R) **12.00** Film: Gregory's Girl. (1981) Romantic comedy, starring John Gordon Sinclair. **1.30** Film: Blame It On Fidel. (2006) Premiere. Drama, starring Nina Kervel-Bey. **3.00** BBC News. **3.25** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.15** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Regional News; Weather. **1.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.00** The Great British Taste Tour. **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Scott & Bailey. **10.00** Kelly & Her Sisters Grow Up. **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.15** Mayday Mayday. (R) **11.45** Smugglers Special. (R) **12.40** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Champions League Weekly. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss USA. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** How to Cook Like Heston. (R) **12.35** River Cottage Bites. **12.55** Film: Rear Window. (1954) **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: David Clarke. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Inside Nature's Giants: Hippo. New series. The team dissects a hippopotamus in the Luangwa Valley, Zambia. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies. The doctors visit Tamworth, Staffordshire. **10.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **11.00** Homeland. Carrie and Saul learn that Walker is alive. (R) **12.00** Random Acts. **12.05** Disasters at Sea: Why Ships Sink. (R) **1.10** Death Row. (R) **2.05** Film: I Heart Huckabees. (2004) Comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman. **3.50** Franklin & Bash. (R) **4.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.20** Privileged. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.05** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.10** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.40** Home and Away. **1.10** Neighbours. **1.40** The Phantom of the Opera at the Royal Albert Hall. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** Inside Hollywood. **6.35** Monkey Life. (R) **7.00** Cowboy Traders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Ultimate Police Interceptors. **9.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. **10.00** Film: Outlaw. (2007) Crime drama, starring Sean Bean. **12.10** America's Toughest Prisons. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** HouseBusters. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** The Syndicate. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.35** The Matt Lucas Awards. **11.10** Kevin Bridges What's the Story? (R) **11.40** The Estate. (R) **12.10** Film: Waking Up in Reno. (2002) Romantic comedy, with Billy Bob Thornton. **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** Sign Zone: The Diamond Queen. (R) **2.40** The Apprentice. (R) **3.40** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.40** Film: Whistle Down the Wind. (1961) Drama, starring Alan Bates and Hayley Mills. **1.15** Animal Park. **2.15** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Horizon. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** The Hidden Art of Islam. **12.20** Medium. (R) **1.05** BBC News. **4.00** The Super League Show. **4.30** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** The Great British Taste Tour. **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Countrywise Kitchen. **8.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity. (R) **9.00** The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor McDonald. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Benidorm. (R) **11.35** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Crossing Jordan. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss USA. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Will Bayley – Part Two. (R) **12.10** The Fabulous Baker Brothers. (R) **12.40** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.50** Film: The Man Who Knew Too Much. (1956) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** The Undateables. **10.00** Facejacker. **10.30** Hit the Road Jack. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Desperate Housewives. **12.10** Poker. **1.10** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Helen Turner. (R) **1.15** KOTV Racing Weekly. **1.40** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.10** MSA British Rallycross Championship. (R) **2.35** The Grid. (R) **3.05** Late Night Poker. (R) **4.00** FIA GT Championship. **4.55** Not Just Cricket. (R) **5.00** Full Metal Challenge.

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Blue Smoke. (2007) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers; 5 News. **8.00** Rory McGrath's Pub Dig; 5 News. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: NY. **10.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. **5.10** HouseBusters. **5.35** Nick's Quest. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Fake Britain; (R) BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Waterloo Road. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Match of the Day; National Lottery Update. **11.55** The Syndicate. (R) **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.30** Watchdog. (R) **2.30** Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. (R) **3.30** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.15** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Film: His Majesty O'Keefe. (1954) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Burt Lancaster. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Animal Park. **2.15** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Our Food. **9.00** Divine Women. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired! **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Film: Little Dieter Needs to Fly. (1998) Premiere. Werner Herzog's documentary about Dieter Dengler. **12.30** Medium. (R) **1.15** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** The Great British Taste Tour. **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Unforgettable Dick Emery. **8.00** Kyle's War. (R) **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The One & Only Des O'Connor. (R) **12.05** Road Warriors. (R) **1.00** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Film: The Prince and the Pauper. (1977) Period drama. **5.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss USA. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Will Bayley – Part Two. (R) **12.10** The Fabulous Baker Brothers. (R) **12.40** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.50** Film: The Man Who Knew Too Much. (1956) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Four Rooms. **9.00** The Sinking of the Concordia: Caught on Camera. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. Satirical current affairs show. Last in the series. **10.55** Strictly Baby Disco. (R) **11.55** Random Acts. **12.00** Music on 4 **3.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Privileged. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Mary Higgins Clark's Moonlight Becomes You. (1998) Mystery thriller, starring Donna Mills. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Ultimate Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Cowboy Traders; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Nichols calls in the help of a forensic scientist he admires. **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.55** Poker: The Big Game. **12.55** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Nick's Quest. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** Ivory Wars: Out of Africa. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Who Do You Think You Are? US. **11.20** The Story of the Turban. **12.00** Film: View from the Top. (2003) Romantic comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. **1.25** Holiday Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.30** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.15** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: Tycoon. (1947) Romantic drama, starring John Wayne and Laraine Day. **1.40** Racing from Aintree. The opening day of the Grand National meeting. **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Natural World: Heligan – Secrets of the Lost Gardens. (R) **9.00** White Heat. **10.00** The Sarah Millican Television Programme. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Modern Spies. (R) **12.20** Medium. (R) **1.45** BBC News. **4.15** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** The Great British Taste Tour. **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Are Your Kids Contagious?: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Take Me Out. (R) **12.00** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Are Your Kids Contagious?: Tonight. (R) **2.25** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss USA. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.30** Film: North By Northwest. (1959) Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Get Your House In Order. **9.00** Peter Kay Live at the Bolton Albert Halls. (R) **10.00** Derek. **10.35** The Inbetweeners. (R) **11.05** The Inbetweeners. (R) **11.40** Random Acts. **11.45** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **12.45** The Undateables. (R) **1.45** One Born Every Minute. (R) **2.40** Damien Hirst: Thoughts, Work, Life. (R) **3.25** The Bible: A History. (R) **4.20** Time Team. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: The Memory Keeper's Daughter. (2008) Drama, starring Emily Watson. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Holiday Heaven on Earth. **7.30** Ultimate Police Interceptors; 5 News Update. **8.00** Master and Commander: The True Story; (R) 5 News at 9. **9.00** Film: The Perfect Storm. (2000) Fact-based disaster drama, starring George Clooney. **11.30** Nature Shock: The Seal Ripper. (R) **12.35** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Nick's Quest. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Don't Get Done, Get Dom. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programme; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** Not Going Out. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** The Matt Lucas Awards. (R) **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Natural World: Queen of the Savannah. (R) **3.05** Ken Russell: A Bit of a Devil. (R) **4.05** Britain's First Photo Album. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.45** Film: The Big Sky. (1952) Western, starring Kirk Douglas. **1.45** Racing from Aintree. The second day of the Grand National meeting. **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Mastermind. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Brick by Brick: Rebuilding Our Past. **10.00** Twenty Twelve. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show. **11.45** Weather. **11.50** Film: Down in the Valley. (2005) Drama, starring Edward Norton. **1.35** Film: Yella. (2007) Premiere. Drama, starring Nina Hoss. **3.00** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** The Great British Taste Tour. **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Poms in Paradise. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: William Roache. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Charlie Wilson's War. (2007) Fact-based political drama, starring Tom Hanks. **12.25** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Film: A Home at the End of the World. (2004) Drama, starring Colin Farrell. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss USA. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **12.25** Film: Topaz. (1969) Hitchcock spy thriller, starring John Forsythe. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Four in a Bed. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.30** Unreported World. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Come Dine with Me. **9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. **10.35** Rude Tube: Extreme Rides. (R) **11.35** The Mad Bad Ad Show. **12.25** Film: The Beach. (2000) Drama. **1.40** Random Acts. (R) **2.30** Mesh: Covert. (R) **2.35** Stonehouse Reunion. (R) **2.40** My Name Is Earl. (R) **3.00** Franklin & Bash. **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.30** Privileged. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** TBA.

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News. **12.15** Rory and Paddy's Even Greater British Adventure. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** NCIS. (R) **3.15** Film: Trial by Fire. (2008) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge; (R) 5 News. **8.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** Castle. **10.55** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **11.55** Inside Hollywood. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** Motorsport Mundial. **4.20** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.10** Nick's Quest. (R)

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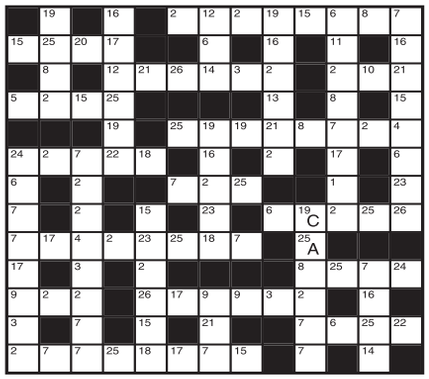

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Literary capacities (7)
7. Feel depressed and inferior? (5)
9. Start being awkward (5)
10. There's no place for him (4-3)
12. Little cared for, being petty (5-6)
14. What business partners might be? (4,7)
18. A drop in the ocean (3-4)
19. Nitre treated like nitrogen (5)
21. Bird from the Rhone (5)
22. He's not content with only scoring a bull (7)

Down

1. One who draws a London landmark (5)
2. Dim sun, when out, will hardly encourage it (6)
3. An agreeable answer (3)
4. A drug almost does for the leading lady (6)
5. Maybe an overgay traveller (7)
8. Have trouble getting up? (7)
11. Fair old changes in a U.S. State (7)
13. Remaining partner (7)
15. Her sisters are not really her sisters (6)
16. A negative which, if flat, isn't developed (6)
17. One may fall into it by mistake (5)
20. Listener in tears (3)

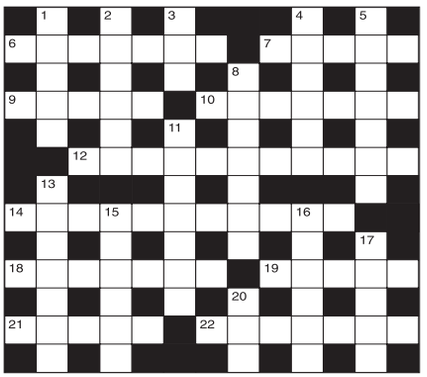
Quick Clues:

Across

6. See (7)
7. A twist (5)
9. Fool (5)
10. Attribute (7)
12. Simplicity (11)
14. Blessing (11)
18. Storm (7)
19. Expel (5)
21. Thin (5)
22. Hide (7)

Down

1. Senseless (5)
2. Reply (6)
3. Employ (3)
4. Morose (6)
5. Bestial (7)
8. Throb (7)
11. Oval (7)
13. Sundry (7)
15. Swell (6)
16. Swear (6)
17. Sharp (5)
20. Fresh (3)



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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Crossroads; 7 Roost; 8 Locusts; 10 Preserve; 11 Opal; 13 Privet; 15 Sponge; 17 Palm; 18 Stickers; 21 Rampage; 22 Fused; 23 Economical. Down: 1 Clove; 2 On the set; 3 Saliva; 4 Once; 5 Dustpan; 6 Graph paper; 9 Silverside; 12 Specific; 14 Islamic; 16 Stream; 19 Easel; 20 Pain. QUICK - Across: 1 By and large; 7 React; 8 Ceramic; 10 Frontier; 11 Glum; 13 Recede; 15 Averse; 17 Norm; 18 Calmness; 21 Edifice; 22 Roast; 23 Play truant. Down: 1 Bravo; 2 Attitude; 3 Decree; 4 Acre; 5 Gambler; 6 Preference; 9 Compensate; 12 Ave Maria; 14 Cordial; 16 Career; 19 Exact; 20 Tiny.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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	6	1			8	2		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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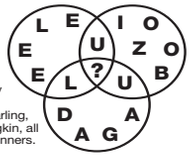
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The lounge, 14ft 9in by 14ft 8in, has a living flame gas fire with marble back and tiled hearth with French doors to the rear garden.

A lounge, 14ft 9in by 14ft 8in, has living flame gas fire

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with P-shaped panel bath with glazed screen and electric shower over, wash basin and dual flush wc.

Outside to the front is a lawn area with pathway, with a lawn and flower border to the side and gate to the rear garden and access to the garage.The rear garden is mostly slabbed with raised flowerbeds, shed and inside door to garage.

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The separate sitting room, 15ft 3in by 7ft 2in, has a door to the garage and double doors to the conservatory which is 8ft 11in by 8ft 2in, with double doors to the rear garden.

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Exotic and edible, the growing way forward

One of the exhibitors showing the use of the traditional spinning wheel in weaving wool from goats and sheep

Goating to know you . . . a visitor says hello to a goat

THE Edible Garden Show, which was held recently at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, brought together a whole range of exhibitors dedicated to the keen gardener, smallholder and "Good Life" enthusiasts.

As people ask more questions about the sources and quality of their food as well as looking to save on their shopping bills and improve their diets, **DANNY FARRAGHER** looks at a show which is tapping into this movement to get back to nature

It was all with the aim of helping people to be more self-sufficient and more aware of where their food comes from and the benefits of growing your own.

While the show was a family event with plenty for everyone to get involved with and enjoy a day out, there is a serious side to many of the exhibitors who are concerned about modern farming, food production practices and the future of food in this country and worldwide.

One of the exhibitors, Garden Organic, is running a project across the diverse communities of the Midlands to gather information, seeds and growing techniques about the wide variety of exotic edible plants which are grown on people's plots and allotments.

Brought

Plants which we would not normally associate with the British climate or even consider being able to grow here can be found on plots up and down the country .

The campaign is fronted by broadcaster and botanist James Wong, who is passionate about increasing the variety of plants and techniques for cultivating home grown food which have been brought to this country with migrants from all over the world, many of whom settled in the Midlands.

He said there are thousands of edible plants grown in this country yet books and organisations repeatedly keep directing people to the same 15 or so varieties.

"Take the kiwi fruit for instance," he said. "It's a hardy fruit that can be grown in extreme temperatures and not just in exotic locations. Then you look at a community in Cornwall which has grown tea and is now even selling it to India and China.

"We need to change people's views about what can be grown in this country. The ethnic communities have years of experience of growing a wider variety of plants from agricultural systems which are different to ours. Variety is important."

Garden Organic is gathering this information from plot holders and gardeners across the Midlands and is already building the Heritage Seed Library at its base in Ryton, Coventry.

Through community groups and organisations such as allotment societies and word of mouth it has sought to find out what the diverse ethnic groups from Europe, Africa and Asia who have settled across the Midlands and the Black Country have to offer. All this has the aim of increasing the variety of foods and seeds on offer, not just so everyone can have a more diverse diet but to safeguard the future of food production.

Chief Horticultural officer, Bob Sherman said: "We need to be seed stewards. The next generation is showing little interest so we need to preserve these seeds and techniques so they are not lost as the generation who pioneered their use dies out."

Blight

Mr Wong added: "If you look at the Irish potato famine, there was a whole country which relied on one crop and how that was devastated by blight, this is what can happen when you don't have a diversity of plants and seeds."

For more information go to www.gardenorganic.org.uk or www.jameswong.co.uk

Broadcaster and botanist James Wong – passionate about increasing the variety of home-grown plants

Ray Smith demonstrates the traditional art of reed basket-weaving at the show

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BILLINGHAM Taylor LLP Estate Agents is now open in Dudley, operating from prestigious office premises in the historic conservation area of the town's Stone Street, overlooking Stone Square.

The company offers a full range of services to developers, investors, vendors, buyers and tenants in a wide area taking in the Dudley and Sandwell boroughs.

Jamie Taylor, managing partner, said: "Our new office is part of the Billingham Cooke brand that already has successful offices in Stourbridge and the village of Kinver.

"If you are looking to buy, rent, invest in property or are looking to sell your home, land, or an investment this year, or have family or friends who are looking to do so then give us a call.

"We also have a dedicated in-house independent financial adviser and associations with reputable local and on-line solicitors."

Mr Taylor (BSc Hons Est. Man, FNAEA) – who has successfully managed several well known local estate agency offices over the last 20 years – added: "Having run a successful office during the recession proves there is an active market place out there and properties can be sold.

"It is all down to hard work, experience, honest advice and constantly being pro-active. Providing a high level of personable customer service is fundamental to our business."

Partner Matt Billingham (FNAEA), who owns and manages two branches in Stourbridge and Kinver, said: "We have identified Dudley as a prime town for a good professional independent estate agent.

"We are a forward thinking, modern agency with young enthusiastic staff who tend to go the extra mile. Our service can be tailored to clients' needs."

Jon Hadley (MNAEA) has joined the company as a well respected negotiator and valuer – and can't wait to get stuck into the local market and help build the firm's stock of properties. In fact he sold the agency's first house before it even opened and has been selling on a weekly basis ever since.

Billingham Taylor aims to provide a friendly, polite and memorable service, promptly returning all calls and keeping clients fully informed on a regular basis.

Detailed, yet concise marketing material including 2D or colour 3D floor plans are provided with advertising accomplished via a variety of media including facebook, twitter, mobile and traditional websites including rightmove, findaproperty, prime location, globrix and the firm's own site, **billinghamtaylor.co.uk**

Added Mr Taylor: "We also manage residential property within our operating area for private landlords with just one property to whole portfolios of properties.

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The team at Billingham Taylor, based in Stone Street, Dudley: Jon Hadley, Adam Eales, Jamie Taylor and Matt Billingham

The offices at the newly-opened Dudley estate agent

Satisfaction is key to success

BILLINGHAM Taylor aims to provide a top quality service, promptly returning all calls and keeping clients fully informed at regular intervals. Clients testimonials for its sister company include:

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- Conservatory
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Lot 46	42 Greystone Passage, Dudley	Residential Investment
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Lot 63	45 Harborne Park Road, Harborne	Residential Investment
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Lot 69	27 Hall Street, Bilston	Commercial Vacant
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Oakham **£199,950**

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Sedgley **£169,950**

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Dudley **£171,000**

Wentworth Drive

A three bedroom detached dormer bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, through lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified. Viewing highly recommended.

Lower Gornal **£145,000**

Grosvenor Road

A three bedroom detached dormer bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen, bedrooms, bathroom, first floor having master bedroom with dressing room/study, garden to the front and rear, garage to rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.

Coseley **£137,950**

Keats Drive

A well presented semi detached property, comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining area, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms, bathroom and separate w.c, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, central heating. Viewing Highly Recommended.

Netherton **£135,000**

Cradley Road

Property is a well presented, extended five bedroom semi detached house. Accommodation in brief comprises of: Kitchen, lounge, downstairs bedroom and dining room and to the first floor there are four bedrooms and a bathroom. Property also benefits from parking for several vehicles, and garden to the rear.

Dudley **£119,950**

Sledmore Road

A traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge/diner, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Lower Gornal **£115,000**

Abbey Street

A detached property, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms, garage, garden to the rear. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley **£114,995**

Denbigh Close

A modern two bedroom end terrace, accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having master bedroom with en-suite, further bedroom, bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Ideal first time buyer purchase.

Netherton **£109,950**

Hope Terrace

A modern property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Lower Gornal **£109,950**

Brookdale

A three bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Tividale **£104,950**

City Road

A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Netherton **£100,000**

Swallow Close

A well presented end terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, parking to rear. Viewing highly recommended.

Tipton **£95,000**

Coppice Street

A two bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Netherton **£110,000**

Leabank Road

An extended semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, landscaped rear garden, double glazing as specified, central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Dudley **£99,950**

Goodrich Mews

A very well presented second floor two bedroom modern apartment, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge & open plan kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Allocated Parking.

Dudley **£89,950**

Kingswinford Road

A traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, garage. No Upward Chain. Ideal Investment Property. Viewing highly recommended.

Dudley **£89,950**

Churchfield Street

A traditional end terrace set on corner plot, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, through lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain. Viewing highly recommended.

Lower Gornal **£77,500**

Redstone Way

50% Shared Ownership. A well presented three bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, breakfast room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to front&rear, double glazing as specified

Tipton **£69,950**

Anchor Drive

A two bedroom apartment, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, allocated parking.No upward chain.

Dudley **£59,995**

Attingham Drive

50% Shared Ownership. A modern mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, w.c., first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, heating to radiator. Allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended

Dudley **£54,950**

Occupation Street

A two bedroom mid terrace property, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear.

Tipton **£39,950**

Warren Close

A one bedroom first floor flat, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

Dudley **£63,950**

Southgate Way

A lower floor flat, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, open plan kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, allocated parking. Viewing highly recommended.

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LOWER GORNAL

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SEDGLEY

ASHEN CLOSE

A two bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, a conservatory, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden that overlooks the local farmland

£179,950

SEDGLEY

QUEENS ROAD

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, detached double garage and a pleasant rear garden

£179,950

SEDGLEY

DINGLE VIEW

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan dining kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

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LOWER GORNAL

WALLOWS WOOD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a fitted ktichen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a large storage room, double glazing, gas fired central heating and a stunning rear garden.

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A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£159,995

PRIORY GATE

RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden with panoramic views

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MILKING BANK

AUSTIN CLOSE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom ensuite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden

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DUDLEY

REGENCY COURT

A three bedroom first floor apartment that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge/dining room, an open plan dining kitchen, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, electric fired central heating, allocated parking for two cars, gated access, pleasant communal gardens and impressive distant views.

£153,950

PRIORY GATE

RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£152,950

SEDGLEY

WARREN DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£149,950

WOODSETTON

BROOK STREET

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a re-appointed kitchen, three bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£149,950

LOWER GORNAL

GROSVENOR ROAD

A two bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen, a garden room, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden with distant views.

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FAIRVIEW PARK

DIBDALE ROAD WEST

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden.

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BERRINGTON DRIVE

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£122,950

LOWER GORNAL

RUITON STREET

A three bedroom home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£122,950

FAIRVIEW PARK

MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

£121,950

LOWER GORNAL

SANDSTONE CLOSE

A two bedroom end town house that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage situated in an adjacent block and a lovely rear garden.

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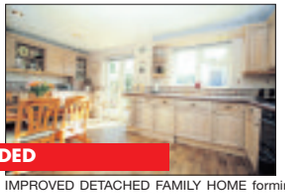

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Price: £224,950

DUDLEY

NEW

Ripley Grove

Recently built, exceptionally stylish (former showhome), gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached occupying fine corner plot & covered by remainder of NHBC. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with spacious fitted cloakroom, through lounge (with double french doors out to garden), good size dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with a fine range of units with many integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes & shower room en suite - built in wardrobes to second bedroom), bathroom with white suite, landscaped garden & brick GARAGE to side. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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WORDSLEY

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4 BED + EN-SUITE

48 Ryder Street

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QUARRY BANK

NEW

Woodland Avenue

Realistically priced and appealing to first time buyers / young families is this traditional style gas centrally heated and majority uPVC double glazed 3 bedroomed mid townhouse with ground floor bathroom and first floor shower room. Comprising, inner hall, lounge dining room , bathroom, kitchen, guest wc, 3 first floor bedrooms, shower room, garden backing on to farmland. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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AMBLECOTE

NEW

Rosemoor Drive

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated mews style house is situated in a Cul De Sac location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, re-fitted Dining Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom with white suite, off road Parking and Rear Garden. Internal inspection is strongly advised. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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NEW PRICE

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DUDLEY

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LOWER GORNAL

Redhall Road

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A particularly SPACIOUS, and exceptionally stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been tremendously upgraded in recent months and set in quiet "backwater" upon popular development. The superb accommodation includes; traditional reception hall, 16'8" lounge, dining room, REFITTED KITCHEN with various integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, three further generous size bedrooms, reappointed/retiled bathroom with a white suite. Garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

UPPER GORNAL

Foxlands Drive

A gas centrally heated, mostly uPVC double glazed detached family home in favoured 'backwater' with the conscientiously maintained & significantly enhanced accommodation providing reception hall (wood strip floor), reappointed cloakroom with white suite, store, through living room comprising lounge section (with 'Minster' style overmantel) & dining room section with patio doors through to the double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite) & a re-fitted shower (former bathroom), garage, delightful secluded rear garden, lengthy foregarden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

KINGSWINFORD

19 Lydgate Road

Enjoying a pleasantly secluded corner position within this cul-de-sac upon 'Crestwood Park', this THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED AND NOW VERY SPACIOUS MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, reception hall, splendid large lounge, VERY LARGE CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. Enjoying gated access to an ENCLOSED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY / PATIO GARDEN, with GARAGE off together with further patio and rockery / shrub garden with ornamental pool to the fore. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £179,950

WOODSETTON

Ratcliffe Close

A meticulously maintained, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout in favoured cul de sac (where properties are only rarely made available for sale) in popular district. Accommodation includes reception hall, L-shape 24'8" through living/dining room (with patio doors), kitchen; three bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of fitted units), bathroom, lengthy drive, large garage (incorporating laundry section) & a separate toilet. Delightful, well tended, sheltered rear garden with summer house & shed. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

SEDGLEY

Northway

An attractive, ENLARGED & signficantly upgraded, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district with SWIFT COMPLETION AVAILABLE. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, 25ft through sitting/dining room (formerly separate rooms), brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, study, enlarged L-shape refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'high gloss white' finish units & a range/extractor. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), reappointed bathroom with white suite, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,995

WOODSETTON

Vicarage Road West

A stylish, significantly EXTENDED & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home. The superb accommodation includes; imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, store, study, extended 22'7" "hub of the house" dining kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated appliances & patio doors, utility room. To the first floor are two double & one single bedrooms, reappointed shower room with a white suite, and there is a sizeable second floor loft conversion providing a double bedroom with a bathroom en suite. Professionally landscaped "Japanese theme" gardens, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

COSELEY

Crowsbridge Mews

Occupying a corner plot in a quiet cul de sac location, this modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated detached family home is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, guest w.c., lounge, dining room, kitchen, CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,995

UPPER GORNAL

Windmill Street

A PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, significantly enhanced & successfully EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, recently refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances (double french doors to garden), pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with 'first quality' range of fitted units), reappointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE with utility room beyond & a shower room, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

PENSNETT

'Ribbesford' Bromley

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed detached family home is beautifully presented throughout, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, re-fitted Dining Kitchen with a fine range of units, Utility, Guest W.C., three good Bedrooms (Master with fitted wardrobes), re-fitted Bathroom with white suite and separate Shower Cubicle, Driveway and a pleasant Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £154,950

SEDGLEY

Brownswall Road

A particularly stylish, tremendously improved & EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities/country park etc., and enjoying distant views. Superb accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, superb through lounge with feature fireplace, substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen, pantry. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy 20'3" garage, delightful secluded "low maintenance" rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

GORNAL WOOD

Mount Close

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centraly heated semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac and is well worthy of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining room, refitted/enlarged kitchen, study/sitting room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

DUDLEY

Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set in a cul-de-sac, the property comprises; entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

DUDLEY

Malthouse Drive, 'Squires Gate'

An attractive, stylish & already significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached on corner plot convenient for so many amenities & comprising entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, living room with box bay, dining room (with double opening french doors out to the garden), well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'birch' effect units; three bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom with white suite, garage, delightful gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

WOODSETTON

Woodsetton Close

A conscientiously maintained, significantly modernised & improved, Freehold,gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in quiet cul de sac with secluded well tended rear garden. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance porch, inner hallway, stylish living room, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units (patio doors out to garden), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, ample parking.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,950

COSELEY

Denise Drive

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! An attractive, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. Requiring near comprehensive modernisation works, the accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged kitchen, three bedrooms (third enlarged into eaves), enlarged bathroom, garage, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

SEDGLEY

Whitesmith Close

Comparatively spacious, gas centrally heated & double glazed, GROUND FLOOR Apartment forming part of a small development overseen by the Accord Housing Association for owners aged 55 & over with visiting manager facility, and many excellent design features. Enviably situated just off Mill Bank and within immediate walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and the accommodation provides; 17 ft living/dining room, kitchen, inner hallway, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Gated parking, communal grounds. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,950

KINGSWINFORD

32 Summer Street

A MOST DECEPTIVE and CHARMING PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within Kingswinford s old quarter within walking distance of the heart of the village, offering a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS layout, which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising' Large attractive Lounge with log burner , separate Dining Room, luxury fitted Kitchen, refitted Bathroom with white suite, TWO SUPERB BEDROOMS (Master with En-Suite Shower Room) and stairs to LARGE ATTIC ROOM. The property is set back beyond a small walled frontage and, to the rear, enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £134,950

WOODSETTON

Sedgley Road, 'Swan Village'

A quite distinctive, traditional, Freehold, interwar semi detached of character that has been significantly modernised in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing many fine period features (with lofty ceiling heights, picture rails, panelled doors, open fireplaces etc.). The gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation includes; reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room with door through to a conservatory (as seen), extended 15'8" kitchen;. Two double bedrooms, third room (with potential), bathroom. Blocked paved foregarden (kerb dropped), and a rear garden. Some finishing works are required. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £120,000

UPPER GORNAL

Greenhill Road

This traditional style, surprisingly spacious, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached house that is situated in a popular residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. The accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units. Three good bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Concrete print hardstanding to front, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950

PENSNETT

Commonside

This realistically priced gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed end terraced property is ideally suited to the first time purchaser and is being sold with no upward chain. The well kept accommodation is seen to comprise, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, garage, driveway to the front. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £99,950

COSELEY

Bank Street

A tremendously modernised, enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED traditional intermediate terrace in superb order throughout. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom with white 'contemporary' suite, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

COSELEY

Bourne House, Bourne Street, Hurst Hill

A comparatively spacious, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed ground floor apartment forming part of a well regarded block in an established convenient neighbourhood. Secure communal entrance & halls/lobbies, private hall, lounge/dining room, ktichen, double bedroom, bathhroom with white suite, communal grounds, secure gated vehicular access & covered parking space. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the region of £75,000

BRIERLEY HILL

Planet Road

This quite exceptional two bedroomed first floor flat must be seen to be appreciated. Situated in a quiet cul de sac and close to Merry Hill and other local amenities, the property has been the subject of an extensive upgrade by the current vendor and the gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: inner hall, stairs to accommodation, landing, extended lounge, re-fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, re-fitted bathroom, two bedrooms, re-plastered, fitted wardrobes. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £74,950

KINGSWINFORD

25 Bartic Avenue

Providing an excellent opportunity for first time buyers to get onto the property ladder, this ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED AND WELL PRESENTED, MODERN FIRST FLOOR FLAT enjoys FANTASTIC DISTANT VIEWS within this pleasant cul de sac upon sought after High Acres , offering VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, ECONOMY 7 STORAGE HEATING and comprising: private ground floor entrance hall, first floor landing, spacious lounge, attractively fitted kitchen, double bedroom and classic white bathroom. OFF-ROAD PARKING is available within the COMMUNAL PARKING AREA. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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DUDLEY
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BILSTON
Steven Drive

NEW INSTRUCTION

A two bedroom mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, driveway to the front and garden to the rear

£79,950

DUDLEY
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NEW INSTRUCTION

An investment opportunity for this multiple occupany property with up to six rooms let out. Please call for further information.

£99,950

TIVIDALE
Darbys Hill Road

A two bedroom detached bungalow with lounge, fitted kitchen, driveway, garage and an extensive garden to the rear

£149,995

TIPTON
William Barrows Way

Located on the "Hamlet Place" David Wilson site in Tipton this beautiful end terrace was previously a show home. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, garden to the rear and garage with parking

£149,950

NETHERTON
Griffin Street

A two bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, cellar, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, and a good sized garden to the rear. Viewing is highly recommended

£89,950

DUDLEY
Redcroft Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

A two bedroom end terraced house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, driveway and gardens to the front and rear

£84,950

DUDLEY
Oakham Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

Set in an elevated position with panoramic views this property offers flexible accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, dining room, three / four bedrooms and landscaped gardens to the front

£249,950

TIPTON/BILSTON
Harlyn Close

NEW INSTRUCTION

An opportunity to purchase a 50% share property that is also available on 100% ownership at £98000. This is a two bedroom end terraced house with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, garden to the rear and two allocated parking spaces.

£49,000

TIPTON
Waterloo Street

A well presented three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear

£124,950

SEDGLEY
Southerdown Road

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garage, gardens to the front and rear and driveway. Viewing highly recommended.

£159950

GORNAL WOOD
Bank Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

A second floor two bedroom apartment with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom and secure entry system.

£59,950

DUDLEY
Tansley Hill Avenue

A really well presented three bedroomed semi detached house with hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, driveway to the front and good sized garden to the rear

£119,950

DUDLEY
Laurel Road

A beautifully presented three bedroom mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc,a further loft room on the second floor, driveway to the front and garden to the rear

£109,950

GORNAL
Tudor Vale

A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area and a rear garden

£79,950

DUDLEY
St Georges Road

A two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear

£84,950

TIPTON
Cinquefoil Leasowe

NEW PRICE

A two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear

£92,950

WOODSETTON
Chartwell Close

A three bedroom semi detached house with converted garage, lounge with dining area, conservatory, gardens to the front and rear and driveway.

£132,500

DUDLEY
Brooke Street

TO LET

A ground floor one bedroom flat with central heating and double glazing. Lounge, bedroom, fitted kitchen, bathroom, unfurnished. Available now, no DSS.

£340 PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON
Prestwood Road

NEW

A one bedroom ground floor apartment, double glazing and central heating. Lounge, Fitted kitchen/ diner. Double bedroom, bathroom with shower. Available now. Dss considered with guarantor.

£375 PCM

OLDBURY
Ascot Close

TO LET

A one bedroom ground floor apartment. Having double glazing and electric panel heating, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC. Unfurnished, available now. DSS considered with guarantor.

£395 PCM

WEDNESBURY
Clarkson Road

TO LET

A two bedroom first floor apartment having fitted kitchen, double glazing and central heating. Unfurnished, no dss. Available now.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
Stourbridge Road

TO LET

A modern first floor apartment central heating and double glazing. Fitted kitchen, bathroom, secure parking, close to Russells Hall hospital. Available now.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
The Old Court House, Priory Street

TO LET

A modern, part furnished 1st floor apartment in a popular block, convenient for Dudley Town Centre. Having a lounge/diner/kitchen, separate bedroom, shower/WC. Part furnished, available now for long term.

£450 PCM

NETHERTON
The Sling

TO LET

Two bedroom end terrace house with lounge, large fitted kitchen. Two double bedrooms and bathroom with shower on the 1st floor. Pleasent enclosed rear garden with patio area. Dss considered with guarantor.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
Southalls Lane

TO LET

A mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating, having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen to rear, two double bedrooms over two floors, large house bathroom on first floor. Plenty of storage, unfurnished, available March 2012

£475 PCM

TIPTON
Sanders Crescent

TO LET

A ground floor, 2 bed apartment with double glazing, open plan lounge/dining area, fitted kitchen & bathroom with shower over bath. Storage heating. Allocated parking. Available now.

£485 PCM

DUDLEY
Heathcliff Road

NEW

A two mid terrace having a lounge, dining room with fitted kitchen off, garden room to rear, house bathroom/WC and shower over the bath. Garden to rear. Unfurnished, available now for long term. DSS considered with guarantor and deposit, pets considered.

£495 PCM

TIVIDALE
Tower Road

TO LET

A three bed semi-detached house with central heating and double glazing, having off road parking to the front and a garden to the rear. Lounge, fitted kitchen, house shower room/WC on the first floor. Unfurnished, available now

£525 PCM

DUDLEY
Pages Croft

TO LET

Modern two bedroom apartments available to rent on popular Priory Park development near to Dudley town centre. Accomodation comprises of open plan lounge/ diner/ fitted kitchen. Two good size bedrooms, master with en-suite.Allocated parking, unfurnished, available now.

£525 PCM

WOODSETTON
Tipton Road

TO LET

A two bed end terraced house with double glazing and central heating, having a lounge large dining/fitted kitchen, built-in wardrobes and a house shower/WC room. Garden to rear, off road parking to the front. No DSS, no pets.

£525 PCM

TIPTON
Sedgley Road East

NEW

A three bed mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating, through lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Garden to rear, off road parking. Unfurnished, no DSS, No pets.

£550 PCM

DUDLEY
Queens Hall

TO LET

A ground floor luxury apartment. Accommodation briefly comprises two bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom, house bathroom/WC, fitted kitchen, allocated secure parking, double glazing and storage heating. No Dss. No pets. Unfurnished.

£550 PCM

DUDLEY
Pensnett Road

TO LET

A three bedroomed house near to Russells Hall Hospital, large through lounge, modern open plan kitchen, downstairs WC/shower room, house bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage. Available now for viewing. DSS considered with guarantor and deposit.

£575 PCM

Home of Property

Home on market for £125,000

A SEMI-DETACHED house in Hydes Road, Wednesbury is on the market with a price tag of £125,000.

The accommodation briefly comprises of a large lounge, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, and also benefits from a good-sized rear garden, large driveway, double glazing and central heating.

On the ground floor is an entrance hall with stairs off and doors to all rooms including the lounge – measuring 17ft 8in by 11ft 2in – with a feature gas fireplace.

The kitchen, 12ft 7in by 10ft 1in, is fitted with a range of wall and base units with work surfaces over, stainless steel sink drainer, double gas range cooker with cooker hood and plumbing for washing machine.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom comprising bath with shower over, wash hand basin and low level WC.

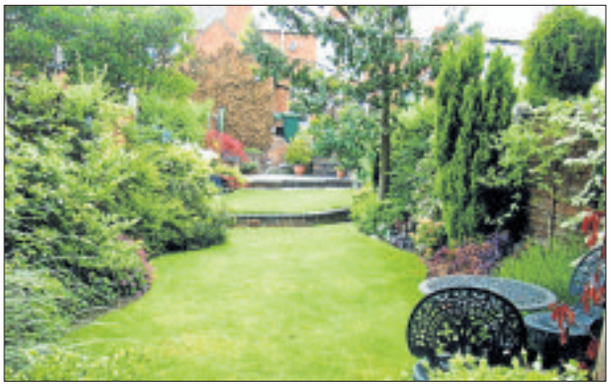
Outside to the front is off-road parking with a gravelled area, borders and shrubs, while the rear garden has a gravelled area with borders and maturing shrubs.

Contact estate agent Worton Kelly on 0121 588 5666 for further details or to arrange a viewing.

This property is available in Hydes Road, Wednesbury

Mid-terrace which has a neat rear garden

This home situated in Wednesbury is on the market for £99,995



To the rear there is an impressive garden, with maturing plants

A MUCH-IMPROVED mid-terrace home in Park Lane, Wednesbury, is for sale at an asking price of £99,995.

The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing where specified and an alarm system, with accommodation including lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom/wc and rear garden with patio and lawn.

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GORNAL WOOD
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Large luxury home built 6 years ago to a high specification providing superior family accommodation in a much sought after residential area. Standing on a good sized landscaped plot in a small cul-de-sac development.
★ Detached
★ Cul-de-sac position
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Formal dining room
★ Study ★ Cloakroom
★ Superb luxury fitted kitchen
★ Integrated appliances
★ Dining area off
★ Gallery landing
★ 5 bedrooms
★ En suite to master
★ Bathroom
★ Garage ★ Gas central heating
★ Landscaped gardens
OFFERS INVITED BASED ON £335,000

GORNAL WOOD
BRICK KILN LANE

Individual detached dormer bungalow in prime location. Standing on a good sized landscaped plot. In need of updating and improvement.
★ Dormer bungalow
★ Detached
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Dining room
★ Kitchen/diner
★ Three bedrooms
★ Cloakroom ★ Bathroom
★ Garage ★ Carport
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
★ Gardens
OFFERS INVITED BASED ON £215,000

PENSNETT
BRYCE ROAD

★ Semi-detached
★ Recently refurbuished
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Two bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
★ Sizeable rear garden
★ Open aspect
OFFERS BASED ON £89,950

GORNAL
BROOKDALE

★ Semi ★ Good sized plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/diner
★ Three bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
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★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
★ Conservatory ★ Fitted kitchen
★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
★ Landscaped gardens
OFFERS BASED ON £139,950

DUDLEY
CORBYN ROAD

Well maintained semi detached property standing on a corner plot with front side and rear gardens side access to rear gardens and parking.
★ Semi-detached ★ Corner plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
★ Fitted kitchen
★ 3 bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Rear parking
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £115,000

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Offers around £139,950

BRIERLEY HILL
WALLOWS ROAD

This attractively presented, stylishly improved 2 bedroomed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodationfor the discerning young family or First Time Buyer and briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge. Refitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom with Shower, pleasant low maintenace Good Sized Rear Gardens and Gravelled Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £89,950

CLOCKFIELDS
NORTHWOOD WAY

Most pleasantly situated in this popular cul-de-sac on the well known "Clockfields" development, this superbly presented, Modern 4 bedroomed Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed family accommodation which simply must be seen and briefly comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, superb refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Double Glazed Conservatory, Laundry/Utility Room with Downstairs Cloaks off, 4 excellent Bedrooms (Master with En Suite Shower Room), attractively fitted house Bathroom, pleasant rear Garden and driveway for 2 cars.

Offers around £234,950

DUDLEY
QUENTIN DRIVE

Most pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and mature cul-de-sac with large well kept rear gardens, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedroomed Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom with Separate Shower, Large Side Garage , Pleasant Large Lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the Front.

Offers around £197,500

OAKHAM
DINGLE CLOSE

A delightfully presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached pleasantly situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accomodation to include: Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, superb refitted Bathroom with sep shower, 26' Tandem side Garage, pleasant southerly facing rear Gardens and driveway to front.

Offers around £149,950

PENSNETT
CORBYNS HALL ROAD

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ŠKODA is launching a limited-edition version of its critically acclaimed Yeti compact SUV.

The Yeti Urban is based on the popular SE trim, but features up to £2,450 worth of extra equipment at no extra cost when compared to the SE.

The ŠKODA Yeti compact SUV has been a huge sale success since it was launched in 2009 – more than 8,800 have been registered in the UK.

It won 12 independent product awards along the way, and charmed UK car buyers with its on-road performance, family orientated practicality and rugged styling. This new model – restricted to just 750 cars – will extend that appeal to younger and more style-conscious UK buyers.

The Yeti Urban also sets a new benchmark for technology in ŠKODA cars. It's the first model to be sold in the UK with DAB digital radio as standard. Over and above SE trim, Yeti Urban includes Amundsen+ satellite navigation, Bluetooth connectivity and a multi-function steering wheel to control the audio system and telephone.

Additional design features include 17-inch black-and-chrome 'Matterhorn' alloys, wheel arch extensions, chrome side strips, silver door mirror caps, silver roof rails and stylisheye-catching roof stripes. Inside, customers have the choice of red or black sports seats and sunset glass in the rear.

The Yeti Urban is available in two-wheel-drive with manual transmission only, and comes with a choice of two engines. The petrol option is the frugal 1.2-litre TSI 105PS, which offers fuel economy of 44.1mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions of 149g/km.

For diesel fans there's the popular 2.0-litre TDI CR 110PS DPF, which offers figures of 52.3mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions of 140g/km.

The car's exterior can be finished in Black Magic pearl effect, Candy White, Brilliant Silver metallic and Steel Grey metallic.

ŠKODA retailers have a number of accessories on offer which include stainless steel pedals (£80), sports exhaust trim (£50), and Nextbase Click 9 Lite Duo portable DVD player with twin 9-inch screens (£315).

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VAUXHALL'S APPROVED BODY SHOP STATUS FOR LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS...

Dudley Motor Company, the core dealership for the Dudley Market Area that also consists of T Wall Garages, Halesowen Motor House and Stourbridge Motor House has been awarded a prestigious accolade as Winners of the Vauxhall Chairman's Award for Excellence 2011.

To achieve this honour the group had to meet the high standards required by Vauxhall in 4 main areas including high scores in customer surveys for the sales and service departments, cementing what the family run business has been striving to achieve for nearly 60 years, namely excellent standards in customer satisfaction where personal service counts.

Mike Pugh and Roy Dunn of BodyKraft with Rob Gilbert, General Manager of Dudley Motor Company and Andy Broughton, Vauxhall UK Bodyshop Area Manager

Further news for the group is that Dudley Motor Company in conjunction with BodyKraft of Dudley have been accredited with the Vauxhall Approved Body Shop Programme. This means that any customers whose cars need an accident repair can call the Vauxhall Accident Management on 0800 010 304 for 24/7 emergency service.

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Mike Pugh from BodyKraft with Rob Gilbert, General Manager of Dudley Motor Company.

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Any customers of Dudley Motor Company, T Wall Garages, Halesowen Motor House and Stourbridge Motor House who would wish to take advantage of the free Accident Management Assistant Scheme need only to call into their supplying dealer to collect their free pack.

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Talk to the 'main person'. Telling sub-contractors to change things mid-construction will not only cause problems within the team but also confuse everyone as to what it is you really want.

If you are planning to sell your home make don't ignore 'unseen factors' such as damp proofing, tidy guttering, efficient drains, good pointing and secure roof tiles. These are all factors that may persuade a buyer to put an offer on your house rather than the one next door.

Finally, now that spring has arrived don't forget to check exterior timber for signs of decay and check your exterior paintwork to see how it has held up over the winter.

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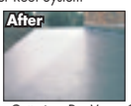

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World's best plays to packed audience

LOCAL squash players were handed a treat when world No.1 James Willstrop showed off his talents in the Black Country.

The Commonwealth silver medalist took on world top 30 player Jonathon Kemp at Stourbridge Lawn Tennis and Squash Club.

Willstrop burst onto the squash scene when he landed three consecutive British Junior Under-19 titles to establish himself as England's most successful junior player of all time.

In the years following he claimed both the European and World titles.

Willstrop continued by playing on the professional tour and winning many high ranking tournaments around the world including the Swedish Open, Virginia Pro championship, Canary Wharf Classic, North American Open, Kuwait Open, Hong Kong Open and many more.

At the start of 2012 Willstrop reached the pinnacle, the World's No.1 squash player, the position he still holds now.

For this event, juniors were split onto three courts where they received coaching from Willstrop, Kemp and club professional Darren Bradbury.

The evening concluded with the main event of an exhibition match between the right-handed 6ft 4ins Willstrop and the left-handed 6ft Kemp.

The glass-backed court five show court was packed with 150 members spectating.

Kemp took the first game but the world's best player hit back immediately.

Willstrop was showing great mental discipline and was keeping the ball straight and glued to the side wall.

Willstrop won the second and then the third, but Kemp wasn't out of the match yet and started to use intelligent lobs and showed his ability to finish rallies with soft drops and volley drops.

Willstrop continued to show controlled and measured squash which led him to winning the fourth game and match.

The players and members retired to the clubroom where a book signing took place with Willstrop's recently written book, "Shot and a Ghost," available for purchase. The book signing, photographs and autographs went on late into the evening with members reflecting on such a great event.

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Chilton is just too hot to handle for Oldbury

LEE CHILTON bagged four goals as Bush Athletic clinched a 7-1 win over Oldbury Collier – but they are still 13 points behind Team Netherton in the Premier Division.

Jason Chilton, Paul Rickets and Rudi Halliday completed the rout for Athletic, who have five games in hand, as they forced Netherton to keep the champagne on ice for another week after their 4-0 win over Dudley Wood.

Hope Tavern, who set up a Joe Stanton Cup final meeting with Dudley Bush Old Boys after a 3-0 semi-final victory over FC Baggeridge, could yet have a say as they are 14 points behind Netherton with eight games in hand.

Dave Brown's hat-trick helped Dudley Bush Old Boys cruise to a 5-1 success over Gate FC as teenage hitman Nathan Maxwell also found the net twice.

Hayden Eveson scored a dramatic late winner as Lloyds edged a 2-1 win over fellow high-flyers Glasscutters, who slipped to their first defeat of the season.

Lloyds had taken a 1-0 lead when Lee Whitehouse converted from the penalty spot and Glasscutters then missed from the spot themselves.

Dudley & Cradley Heath League

The Cutters refused to throw in the towel and equalised through Sid Davenport but Lloyds secured the points to keep their title hopes alive when Eveson netted the decisive strike.

Elsewhere in Division One, Craig Hunt's treble and one each from Daniel Phillips and Lee Leddington helped Tenth Lock to a 5-3 win over Hadcroft Rovers, who found the net through Julian Probyn, Dave Lowry and Craig Chambers.

A Nathan Fielding brace was supplemented by goals from Woodhall, Ben Woodhall and Richard Badger as Sedgley White Lions roared to a 5-1 win over Ruiton.

Old Hales end with a win

OLD HALESONIANS hockey 5th XI secured a third place finish in the ENER-G MRHA Central League South West 2 Division with a 2-1 victory over Old Silhillians at Great Park.

Old Hales' goals came from a Jim Gurmin penalty flick and youngster Gareth Bayley.

Old Halesonians Ladies' final push for promotion was scuppered by 4-0 a defeat against fellow promotion-chasers Bromsgrove.

EAGLES SOAR TO LAND LEAGUE TITLE

Kewford Eagles South Under-16s have landed more silverware after clinching the Stourbridge Division Three title

STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT YOUTH LEAGUE side Kewford Eagles South Under-16s are flying high after being crowned Division Three champions.

The Eagles, under the guidance of manager Jason Bennett, have soared to the title with two games remaining following a dominant campaign.

The youngsters have won 16 and drew three of their 20 league games to date and with two matches remaining they are gunning for 100 goals having hit the net 94 times so far.

Lynn Boleyn, Kewford Club Welfare Officer, who's 16-year-old-son, Ben, plays for the team said: "We are all so pleased for the team as they have worked really hard this season and truly deserve their title. Well done to all players, manager and coaches."

Team members are; Harry Bennett; Ben Boleyn, Alex Clayes, Josh Cram; Sam Greet, James Harrison, Liam Heeley, Ryan Hill, Joe Hughes, Scott Langford, Tom Mason, Connor Pearson, Ben Taylor, Josh Tighe, Matt Williams and Paul Gardner.

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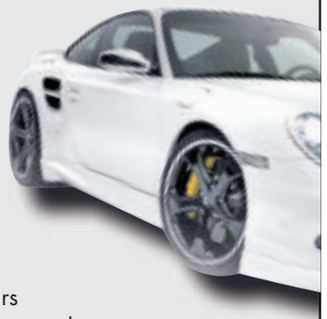

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Chances go begging in cup taster

AFC Wulfs 1 Dudley Sports 1

AFC Wulfrunians and Dudley Sports warmed up for their upcoming League Cup semi-final with a draw.

Both sides had chances to win this West Midlands League Premier clash and each struck the woodwork.

A thunderous free-kick from Dudley's Craig Stevens crashed down off the underside of the bar. Then Wulfs' Ricky Anslow exchanged passes with Chris Rabone before firing a shot against the outside of the post.

The deadlock was finally broken one minute into the second half and it was the visitors who went ahead.

Matt Hearsey's shot was tipped onto the post by Danny Tipton but Craig Tibbetts was on hand to head home the rebound.

This sparked Wulfs into life and after a good spell of pressure, they found an equaliser in the 67th minute when Grant Joshua's deep cross was diverted back across goal by Robin Sheffield for Ricky Anslow to fire home.

Dudley went close to a winner when Stevens' long diagonal free-kick landed on the top of the bar.

Tividale are held in a real thriller

Tividale 3 Coleshill 3

TIVIDALE missed out on the opportunity to make up ground on the leading Midland Alliance teams when they were held to a draw by Coleshill Town.

The match began with Tividale dominating the early exchanges and in the 11th-minute striker Chris Russell chipped the ball over the advancing Coleshill goalkeeper Ian Kimberley, only to be flattened but the referee waved play on.

Coleshill then took the lead through their first shotby Danny Carter

Tividale equalised a minute before the break with a Michael Woolman volley and took the lead when Woolman got his head to a ball before the keeper.

Sam Wilson hammered a cross into the roof of the net from eight yards to equalise for Coleshill.

The visitors went in front again in the 89th minute, after Barry Fitzharris had been sent off. The goal itself was an absolute gem of a volley from over 30 yards.

But, in added time, Chris Russell burst to the by-line and crossed for Chilton to make it all level.

Morris backs his men for honours

Dudley Heathens

HEATHENS launch their bid for silverware this Sunday when they head to title favourites Mildenhall in the first leg of the National Shield.

The former Cradley club are current holders and will be looking to keep the scores close at West Row with the return at Monmore on Tuesday, April 17.

Ashley Morris, who is a key member of the Heathens team, is backing them to be in the shake-up for honours.

He said: "I think the balance of the team is good and if we can all stay clear of injury I believe we're going to be in for a good season.

"We have strength at the top and the bottom end of the team and I think we can be a match for anyone in the league, but we need some luck along the way as well.

"There's some strong teams in this league so we can't take anything for granted and the Shield meetings with Mildenhall should be superb as they're the favourites for the title." Morris is also hoping to win a place with a Premier League club – and he knows he has to score well for the Heathens to do that.

He said: "Obviously I'm disappointed I didn't get a chance to ride in the Premier League and I look at Adam and Tom and wish I was riding with them.

"But I'm going to stay focussed and determined and I know I'll have to be patient as well.

"And if I get a chance I have to take it with both hands, that's the attitude I have. The more points I can score for Dudley the better it will be for me and it will also be good news for the team.

"It's a great club to be involved with, they are so unique because of the amount of support and I love riding for them, it was the one plus of the winter that they wanted me to go back to them.

"I made calls from Australia to try and get fixed up but it didn't happen. I'm just going to keep my head down and try my best for them and then we'll see what happens."

BATTLING DK HAVE SET THE STANDARD

Rugby Lions 19 Dudley Kingswinford 14

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD player-coach Jon Higgins believes his side have set the standard despite losing to runaway champions Rugby Lions.

The two front-runners in the National League Three Midlands clashed last Saturday with Lions keeping up their undefeated record in a 19-14 home win.

But second-placed DK were always in the game and looked to have closed the gap on Neil Back's men, who ran out 68-12 victors in December's reverse fixture.

by Craig Birch

Higgins' men have already secured the play-off place and look set to be at home to Rossendale, from the National League Three North, for their promotion clash.

And Saturday will see DK face another opponent from a different league as they go to Whitchurch, from the Midlands One West, in the semi-final of the North Midlands Cup.

Luke Greenwood and No.8 Jon Tideswell are still out with hamstring strains but flanker Ian Langford should be back from a knee injury, while prop Stefan Thorp was rested at Lions.

Reflecting on the Lions defeat, Higgins believes the level of play displayed in keeping up with pacesetters would sweep aside most opponents they will face between now and the end of the season.

He said: "There's no doubt they are the best team in the league and we put up a good fight against them. It was an absolute cracker of a game to watch.

"With the quality of players they have got, they should go into the next league and continue to be a dominant force. They will be favourites to.

"It was heartening, really, it was clearly the two best teams in the league coming together and we got absolutely walloped by them at home.

"We can take a lot of positives from it and if we perform to that intensity in the play-off game, I would put my mortgage on us winning it.

"It was probably our best performance of the season and we have lost the game!"

DK's defeat made Lions the first team to do the double over them this season and highlighted the difference in the two clubs.

The champions have ambitions of top-flight rugby within the next few years, while 13 of DK's matchday squad came through the youth set-up.

But they put up a tremendous battle at Webb Ellis Road and their backs always looked dangerous on the break.

Regular sharp, sniping runs came from half-backs Jordan Brookes and Higgins, while Stefan Shillingford scored both of DK's tries to take his total to 23 for the season.

DK winger Matt Farrington takes off to claim a high ball

DK's Stefan Shillingford races clear to score a try

While Lions had the bulk of possession and territory in the game, DK arguably created the better openings.

But Lions drew first blood after seven minutes, when the DK front row were penalised for standing up and full-back Leigh Hinton kicked to make it 3-0.

The hosts' speed of pass and movement gave them more control as the game progressed but DK might have scored on 12 minutes.

An incisive break from Higgins split the Lions' cover and an accurate pass would have seen an early score, but it was just intercepted.

DK did score their opening try after 14 minutes, when Brookes broke a tackle in midfield before sprinting deep into the Lions' 22 to send in Shillingford for the score.

Gareth Bown converted to put DK 7-3 up. But, gradually, Lions regained control.

DK were penalised for not releasing the ball after 27 minutes and up stepped Hinton again to close the gap to 7-6.

Lions put DK under considerable pressure in the second-half and forced them to give away a couple of penalties. Hinton made it a hat-trick of set-pieces to put the home side in the lead for the first time, by 9-7.

Then a moment of genius from Lions' fly-half Ben Gollings on 50 minutes saw them forge further ahead.

Taking the ball just outside the DK 22, he swivelled and took an acute angle 30 metres to the corner to score a fine try to make it 14-7.

Now two scores up, Lions looked to impose themselves and set up a wave of attacks in the DK half.

DK had brought on Rhodri Williams for his league debut in the back row and he set about the task with relish.

But DK were dealt a body blow when Sam Pedley was sinbinned on the hour for playing the ball on the floor.

Lions No.8 Nigel Mukarati scored a try on the overlap after 62 minutes, when DK were short of defensive numbers, to increase the lead to 19-7.

DK galvanised themselves for a final effort and Higgins put Matt Farrington away after 73 minutes for the winger to step through .

Farrington released Shillingford for his second try of the day, with Bown converting to make it 19-14.

Glassboys claim win thanks to own goal

Stourbridge 1 Brackley 0

AN own goal from visiting defender Tom Kemp enabled the Glassboys to complete a league double over the Evo-Stik Premier league leaders despite finishing the game with ten men.

Defender Paul McCone was sent off after receiving the second of two cautions in quick succession, leaving Stourbridge to hold out for the last three minutes.

The Glassboys also had to survive the loss of Sam Rock, stretchered off after 17 minutes after going down off the ball.

Leon Broadhurst almost opened the scoring after six minutes when his goal-bound header from a Sean Geddes right-wing corner was headed off the line by James Clifton.

Lewis Solly then pulled off a tremendous save in the 32nd minute to keep out a dipping 20-yard effort from Owen Story before a 25-yard free-kick from Ben Billingham was safely held by Brackley keeper Billy Turley five minutes later.

Stourbridge went in front in fortuitous circumstances in the 48th minute with persistence from Marcus Palmer paying off as he pursued a clip forward by Sean Evans.

Indecision at the back saw Kemp inadvertently head the ball past his keeper Billy Turley before clattering into him as the ball rolled into the unguarded goal.

Boosted by the goal, Gary Hackett's men soon went close again on two occasions, Palmer shooting wide before Turley made a blocking save as Evans closed in.

The hosts had a let-off on 71 minutes when McCone lost possession to Elliot Sandy who fed Mulligan, but his shot ran wide.

After McCone's dismissal Brackley had two opportunities to salvage a point.

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